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President's Message

I hope everyone had a very good holiday - stayed warm and no travel plans were cancelled.

I am looking forward to 2023 and the very good presentations planned for us. I know I will learn many new things.

I want to thank Donna Kallem for being our Vice President of Membership chair for many years. She did a great job of keeping track of the members, sending out those great birthday cards and many other things she took care of to keep us on track. Thank you so much. Also, thank you Jolene for stepping up to be our new Membership Chair. One more thank you to Dick, Pete, and Paul for agreeing to serve in their positions for two more years.

We are going to be doing some changes in our programming for 2023-2024 and if you have some ideas or something you would like to learn more about, please let us know.

Have a good one.
Nancy

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Story County Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022
In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:30 p.m. with 15 people participating via Zoom and 16 people attended in person.

Minutes of the October 10, 2022 meeting were approved with corrections. (Correction: The next regular SCGS regular meeting was noted as November 7, should have read November 14.)

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the October 2022 Financial Report in person at the Ames Public Library. Report will be filed for audit.

Malvina Lutz, Librarian, is reviewing two more published genealogy books.

Jolene Webber reported on the nomination of SCGS officers elected for this evening.

President, Nancy Long	Historian, Paul Martsching
VP Education is open	Treasurer, Pete Peterson
VP Membership – Jolene Webber	

Kyle Solberg made a motion to accept the above individuals to the positions noted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Nancy Long met with Megan Klein-Hewett, Adult Services Manager of the APL, concerning Genealogy Plus programs. Programs are fairly well planned for 2023. Next meeting is November 16th, 10am-12pm in the Rotary room. Subject for November will be "It's All Inside: Digital Books for Genealogical Research."

The next Genealogy Help Session will be Wednesday, November 23, 10:00am-12:00pm at the Ames Public Library. Bring your genealogy questions and we'll try to help you find a solution. No appointment needed. This is a drop-in session.

This will be the last session for this year unless there are requests (by appointment).

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Tonight, three speakers presented their examples of "How to Share Your Stories" through genealogy and research.

Editor's note: The three speakers (Malvina Lutz, Rita Lindahl and Mary Lohr) gave extensive insight into writing their stories. The specific information from these ladies can be found on page 6 column 2 and entitled **Tips and Tricks To Tell Your Story.** It's very interesting.

Goal is to ensure stories continue to be told.

The main message from all three examples on page 6 is to encourage you to make your connections.

President, Nancy Long thanked everyone for sharing their family stories and resources.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.
Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday January 9, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Rebel Women: Stories They Tell

Sometimes it's the women on the other side of the law, the obnoxious, unorthodox or ill-behaved that are recorded in history. And the stereotypes we expect may be different from what is recorded. What types of records did these women leave?

Presenter: Dr. Alissa Stoehr

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday January 18, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
10:00 am – Noon

Preserving Iowa's Food Traditions through the Community Cookbook Collection

The study of families/genealogy crosses a variety of topic areas close to who we are as cultures and families. Iowa State University's Community Cookbook collection illustrates how some of our food traditions link and are linked to who we are and how we have grown, changed and adapted as ethnic cultures and families through what we cook and eat. This collection contains about 5,000 archival cookbooks, before 1975, from Iowa organizations, individual families and historic figures. This presentation will introduce the collection and discuss its historic value and impact on today.

Genealogy Plus is co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.

Presenter: Diana Shonrock

Genealogy Help Session
Wednesday, January 25, 2023

At Ames Public Library

Make an appointment and someone will meet you at the Ames Public Library. We will try to solve your genealogy or computer issue.

SCGS Membership

Winter – the time of year when Story County Genealogical Society starts their monthly meetings. As always there will be interesting, learning programs presented both live and by Zoom so everyone can take part.

Topics covered this fall will be include tips for "Rebel Women: Stories They Tell" by Dr. Alissa Stoehr; "Preserving Iowa's Food Traditions through the Community Cookbook Collection" by Diana Shonrock; "1950 U.S. Federal Census" by Gwenna Jacobson and Mary Lohr; "We Pronounce it ne-VAY-duh: Tales and History of Eastern Story County"; "Iowa Genealogical Society Resources and Interest Groups" by Mo Wilkins; and many more great things coming later in the year!

Help sessions will begin again for anyone needing help with brick walls or genealogy questions of any sort.

So, if you would like to be included in all or some of these events, now is the time to join. Membership if only $20 per year for a single, $25 for couple. Just see back page of this newsletter for further details.

Membership Chair

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Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

More Than One Way to Search the Internet

Submitted by Mary J. Lohr

Genealogists are familiar with Google as an Internet search engine, and indeed, Google ranks as the top one. The phrase "just Google" is heard often.

But did you know there are alternatives to Google? Below are some you may want to explore. Each has different audience demographics and mode of operation.

Microsoft Bing Formerly just called **Bing**

Yahoo! Founded in 1994, Yahoo actually predates Google

DuckDuckGo Proponent of private Internet searches

Startpage With headquarters in The Netherlands, Startpage claims to be the top private search engine

Ask! Formerly called **Ask Jeeves**, this uses a question-and-answer format

Dogpile A meta-search engine that gives results based on Yahoo, Google, and other search engines

WolframAlpha "... "compute expert-level answers using Wolfram's breakthrough algorithms, knowledgebase, and AI technology." Good for analytics

Qwant Another privacy search engine, based in France

You could use any of the above to search for "Google alternatives" to find even more!

Although **Pinterest, Youtube, Facebook,** and **Twitter** are viewed as social media, they also can be useful for genealogists. Each of these would search their own database and are not, strictly speaking, search engines.

And don't forget the **Internet Archive** (archive.org) that is useful for finding earlier versions of a website via their Wayback Machine. This website is really a library and even has a Genealogy section! Especially good for historical data.

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The various search engines will feature many ads and some of the sites are better at identifying them than others. Sometimes the ads appear along the side of the screen, but often they are displayed in the search results, often marked by the word "Ad." You may have to look carefully for the "Ad" word.

Some of the search engines feature other tools such as calculator functions, maps, software tools and more. In addition, there may be suggestions on "best practices" for entering and filtering search results.

The best advice is to try the same search query on several different sites.

Happy exploring!

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

January 2023 – National Hot Tea Month
January 2023 – National Poverty in America Awareness
January 1 – New Year's Day (federal holiday)
January 2 – New Year's Day (federal holiday)
January 2 – Georgia Anniversary of Statehood
January 7 – Estelle Reel Day (Wyoming)
January 8 – Battle of New Orleans (Louisiana)
January 9 – Connecticut Anniversary of Statehood
January 11 – National Milk Day
January 13 – Stephen Foster Memorial Day
January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16 – Robert E. Lee's Birthday (Ala, Miss)
January 16 – Idaho Human Rights Day
January 16 – Civil Rights Day (Ariz., NH)
January 19 – Robert E. Lee's Birthday (Florida)
January 19 – State Observance (Georgia)
January 19 – Confederate Heroes' Day (Texas)
January 22 – Lunar New Year
January 29 – Kansas Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Tips for Free (or low cost) Genealogy Research

by Mary J. Lohr

1. Inherit a fully compiled, carefully research, documented family history from a direct ancestor.
Price? Incredibly fortunate!

2. Win a large amount in the lottery and wait for all the newly-found relatives to emerge.
Price? Your privacy for the remainder of your life.

3. Run for political office and let your opponent do "opposition research."
Price? Your sanity.

4. Hire a qualified researcher to do the work.
Price? Possibly, bankruptcy.

5. Use the resources at FamilySearch.org.
Price? Time well spent. The entire website is free.

6. Use a carefully constructed research plan.
Price? You'll save time *and* money.

7. Make use of any gift subscriptions you may have received for the holiday.
Price? None

8. Check the website ConferenceKeeper.org for all sorts of free webinars and programs.
Price? None

9. Join a genealogy society.
Price? Priceless because the more you engage and offer, the greater the dividend paid.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

He said, "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This new day is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.

Editor's Column

Well, for better or worse I'm back to editing the SCGS newsletter. We must give Mary Lohr a **BIG** thank you for keeping up then newsletter in my absence – THANKS.

Hope everyone had a happy holiday season and plans to have a Happy New Year. Just be careful with the wind, snow and everything else.

I have included a new word search. Don't know how long I can keep this up because I keep running out of ideas.

In the September issue I said that I was getting a cat. Well, that thought was short-lived. The cat got ringworm, infected the owner along with it and 2 kittens died from it. So, the owner took the cat and kittens back to Boone where she got it in the first place.

Thank you to everyone for calls, cards, emails, texts and other communication while I was disabled.

If anyone has an article that has been sent to this editor that has not been published, please let me know. Mary had access to my computer and did a **REAL BANG-UP** job, but you never know.

If you notice a little change in my attitude in this newsletter, the fact that Mary isn't around any longer to keep me on my game – and I miss her.

Dick

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a day that unites not only our country, but the world that we live in. Whether it be through service or spirit, on this day, people come together to give back. In all 50 states, citizens engage in service activities in order to strengthen communities and achieve a common goal.

MLK Day for me is about **honoring someone who had the courage to stand up for what is right**, being fully aware of how dangerous it could be. It is about honoring someone who taught us that we can only achieve unity and peace by acting with compassion for our fellow man.

A Little Poem For Seniors, so true it hurts!!!

Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About 'Living in the Past'
We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches…
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news.
That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up…
Before you're too damned old!!!

EVERYONE PLEASE HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR FROM SCGS

Tips and Tricks To Tell Your Story

(NOTE: Following taken from the November 2022 minutes)

1. Malvina Lutz shared her example using StoryWorth. Preserve meaningful moments and memories in a beautiful keepsake book. Share the experience with loved ones and discover stories you never knew. Think of it like a storybook or a journal. You can use pre-defined titles given by StoryWorth or write your own titles. You can add photos. StoryWorth sends you an email with a question once every week. By the end of one year, you will have 52 weeks of storytelling. Keep your stories simple. Your life story can serve as a treasure trove to your family. Once the year is up you will receive a hardbound book with all your stories included. You may then order additional books for your family members. The book you create is all about the memories.

2. Rita Lindahl shared her story of where her family was from. After her parents passed on, she found her father's letters from WWI and put them in a binder. She talked about how she wrote her husband's autobiography and put those stories into a manuscript and had it bound. Her genealogy stories began in about 1950's in rural Ogden. She found the research center in Utah very helpful. She even put a book together regarding past family reunions. She has gathered family newsletters and placed those in mini books as well. The hardest part was getting people to send her their family news. She has found Family Tree Maker to be very friendly and helpful. One nice thing about Family Tree Maker is no one can change the information you submit. She found the Ogden Newspapers helpful in her research. The books she put together regarding WWI she plans to give to the Iowa Historical Society or her local historical society.

3. Mary Lohr shared her story on the Lohr-Hanson family. She uses the Public Tree on Ancestry. She also has a Facebook group, a blog group, a website with links to Ancestry tree. Limitations are it doesn't show siblings and so forth. She has done the DNA on Ancestry which helps her connect to other family members she doesn't know. WordPress.com allows her to share stories. With the Facebook group, people have to ask to join which keeps the unwanted people out. Tracing Your Ancestors is a Google website which links to Facebook and other things.

Male Names Not Used Much Anymore - SCGS Word Search #42

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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ALVA	BUFORD	ERNEST	MERLE	VALENTINE
AMMON	COORE	GURDEN	NILES	VERNON
AMOS	CORNELIOUS	HANS	NOAH	WILBUR
ARCHIBALD	EHICREK	HARVEY	OTTO	ZACHARIA

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According to the younger generation, my mama and daddy were apparently abusive to us when we were children. We were scared to get in trouble. They made us do household jobs, go to church, and go to school. Gave us curfew and whooped our bottom when we did wrong, they even made us go get the switch that they used onus. They put food on the table and we were expected to eat it. They put clothes on our backs and we were: expected to wear them. They suggested we get a job and work for the things that we wanted. They insisted that we do our best at school, at our job, and to take pride in our work. We grew up with morals, a good work ethic, and respect for the law and our elders. I thank God every day for my Mama and Daddy!

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President's Message

What a great way to start 2023 with two very interesting presentations. Alissa Stoehr started off with telling us about several Rebel Women: Stories They Tell. One even from Iowa and another very close in an adjoining state. Very interesting and glad they stepped up and changed our lives for us. Diana Shonrock told us how cookbooks have a very important part in history in several ways and that the Parks Library at ISU is housing over 5000 cookbooks and various other recipes, so again another Iowa link. Thankful Diana took on the job of saving these cookbooks for future generations. Very important to save the original recipes in our families also - especially those that are handwritten. Good way to save the handwriting of a special person.

Now - we need your help. We will be planning classes for Genealogy Plus for September and October and for March and April. We could use some more volunteers to help with this planning. Your input is important to the success of these classes. This doesn't mean you have to teach the class, just need help determining what people want to learn more about. Many hands - thoughts make it much easier.

We are also looking for ideas for future presentations. Please feel free to share with any Board Member.

Nancy

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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday February 22, 2023
10:00 AM – Noon
Email SCGS if you need assistance

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes January 9, 2023

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began at 6:38 p.m. under the direction of President Nancy Long. Eight attended at the Ames Public Library and fourteen viewed via Zoom.

Minutes of the November 2022 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that she will submit a purchase request of six newly published genealogy research books to the library in February. Upon approval she will have the titles included in the newsletter.

Genealogy Plus will be on January 18th. Diana Shonrock will present information about the Community Cookbook Collection at ISU. The program will be presented virtually. Participants may view via Zoom or at the Ames Public Library.

No help sessions will be held this year. Requests for help with genealogical questions may be made through the society website.

Nancy and Mary Lohr met with Megan Klein-Hewett to discuss a format change for Genealogy Plus due to a decrease in participation. The plan is to have a beginning genealogy class in September and October and a speaker in November. No events will be held December through February. A class will be held in March and April and a speaker will be scheduled for May. Volunteers to help with classes were requested.

The remainder of the meeting was turned over to Dr. Alissa Stoehr. Her topic was "Rebel Women: The Stories They Tell" She shared six case studies then asked if anyone had ancestors who could be considered rebels. Three shared a short story. Dr. Stoehr then provided resources for finding information about rebel ancestors. Her presentation was recorded and will be available on the society website.

The meeting ended at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by Annette Anderegg

1950 Census is Topic of February 13 SCGS Meeting

The US. Federal Census for 1950 was released to the public on April 1, 2022. Genealogy researchers were delighted to have another tool to help trace their ancestry.

At the Monday, February 13th SCGS meeting, Gwenna Jacobson and Mary Lohr will give an update on what can be found in this latest census release. They'll tell us about why U.S. census records are released to the public after 72 years (no, it's not because that was the life expectancy), why the page numbering may lead one to think there are missing pages, what questions were asked, how "sampling" was used … and more.

They will also demonstrate how an "edit" can be made in the case of spelling and transcription errors.

Have you found yourself or ancestors in the 1950 census?

NOTE: This Census information may be also stated in other places in this newsletter, but this Census is very important.

History of Mardi Gras in the US

Information from website Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras in the United States (timeanddate.com)

Mardi Gras celebrations in the United States go back as early as 1703, when French soldiers held festivities in Mobile, Alabama. Back when it was more of a pre-Lent celebration akin to festivities on Shrove Tuesday in modern-day France.

Mardi Gras became a parade event in 1857, when the **Cowbellion de Rakin Society**, the first of Mobile's organizations that journeyed to New Orleans, set up a Mardi Gras celebration with the first carnival society, the Mistick Krewe of Comus.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, parades and large gatherings were cancelled. In order to keep the spirit alive, many New Orleans residents decorated their houses and front yards in spectacular fashion, earning the 2021 festivities the nickname **"Yardi Gras".**

PS: Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day.

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday February 13, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

1950 Census Follow-Up

The 1950 U.S. federal census was released April 1, 2022. This presentation will look at some of the information that that has been found, ancestor surprises found, and other finds from the census.

Presenters: Gwenna Jacobson and Mary Lohr

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday February 15, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
10:00 am – Noon

We Pronounce it ne-VAY-duh: Tales and History of Eastern Story County

Linda Wright, the presenter has deep roots in Nevada, Iowa.

Please see a summary of her presentation in the next column on this page. >>>>>>

Genealogy Plus is co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.

Presenter: Linda Wright

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday February 22, 2023
Ames Public Library
10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Please email someone at SCGS to arrange a meeting time and place.

We Pronounce it ne-VAY-duh

The maternal line of Linda's father came to Story County in the early 1850's. One of her third great grandfathers, E. C. Evans, was the first County Judge in Story County. When there was a family reunion Linda presented a cemetery tour that included Nevada Municipal, Woodland or Iowa Center, Colo, Murphy/Micah French, St Patrick's in Nevada, Bloomington, and Ames Municipal cemeteries. (And she has discovered she needs to add Mound cemetery the next time!) Her father's maternal grandfather was born in Nevada, and he and his wife were both raised and married in Story County. Linda's parents were township elected officials as well: her father was a trustee and her mother was the township clerk for Nevada Township. They took care of the two cemeteries in the township which included Mound cemetery. However, at the time her father did not know that his great-great-great grandparents, Robert and Johanna McCartney, are buried there.

She was born in Nevada, graduated from Nevada High School, and retired from the Nevada Public Library where she had worked for 21 years. She is also a board member of the Nevada Historical Society.

Her genealogy research started in about 1997, but her sister had already done some research as had her mother. The diary of a great-grandmother is one of their prized possessions.
And even though the diary entries are not lengthy, the information
is straightforward about day-to-day happenings. Some of the details help to understand reasons for family members relocating within Iowa during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

In her presentation Linda will highlight the website that is a treasure trove for Story County information. (**Hint No. 1**: it ranks near the top of all such websites in the USA).

She will also talk about the resources, both digital and non-digital, at the Nevada Public Library, Nevada Historical Society, as well as other aids available for research in eastern Story County.
(**Hint No. 2**: not everything is online.)
Attend Linda's presentation on February 15 and learn what ancestral gems are available in small town Iowa!
(**Hint No. 3**: more than you may have imagined!)

Diana Shonrock: "Preserving Iowa's Food Traditions Through the Community Cookbook Collection"

contributed by Mary J. Lohr

Diana Shonrock was the presenter for the January Genealogy Plus program. Her topic "Preserving Iowa's Food Traditions Through the Community Cookbook Collection" emphasized how food affects our history. She talked about how the kitchen is the heart of the home.

Other highlights:

*In the past century two world wars, the Great Depression, women returning to the workforce, and the baby boomer population all contributed to the types of food we eat and how it is prepared.

*The Iowa Cookbook Collection, which is housed at Parks Library at Iowa State University, is a collection of about 5,000 items. The books included have a connection to Iowa history. The oldest book is from 1902. There are cookbooks from "movers and shakers" including Mary B. Welch (wife of the first Iowa State president), Carrie Chapman Catt, (women's suffragist), Leanna Driftmier (KMA radio station in Shenandoah, Iowa). Also includes all issues of Kitchen Klatter Magazine, many of which have been digitized and can be viewed online.

*The collection started when retired army cook Robert Smith from What Cheer, Iowa, offered his extensive (12,000) cookbook collection to Iowa State University. Another sizable donation was from Ruth Ellen Church, an ISU graduate, who for many years was the food editor for the Chicago Tribune and wrote under the name Mary Meade.

*There are cookbooks and recipes from Quaker Oats and Amana, as well as recipe books compiled for civic organization anniversaries. Often these books are filled with wise says, home remedies, and everyday suggestions for homemaking.

*Some of the family cookbooks include the Twedt Family Cookbooks, Graziano Brothers collection, and the Mitchell County Heritage Cookbook.

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*Books with a connection to Iowa historical cooking are still being considered for the collection.
Some of the books can be borrowed or browsed at Parks Library. Others have been digitized.
The collection can be searched via the catalog at the library www.lib.iastate.edu
Enter *Iowa cookbook collection* in the search box.

*Some of the other state collections of cookbooks are available at South Dakota State University, the University of Wisconsin, Texas Christian University, Cornell University, Michigan State University, and the Library of Congress.

(Recorded presentation available: https://youtu.be/HwwFOuOTfjE)

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

February – National Heart Month
February 1 – National Freedom Day
February 1 – National Girls & Women in Sports Day
February 1 – First Day of Black History Month
February 2 – Groundhog Day
February 3 – National Wear Red Day
February 3 – National Women Physician Day
February 4 – National Rosa Parks Day
February 4 – Mail Carrier Day
February 5 – 65th Grammy Awards
February 5 – National Weatherperson's Day
February 6 –Ronald Reagan Day
February 11 – National Inventor's Day
February 12-13 – Lincoln's Birthday
February 12 – Georgia Day
February 12 – Super Bowl
February 14 – Valentine's Day
February 14 – Statehood Day (AZ)
February 15 – Susan B Anthony's Birthday
February 16 – Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (AK)
February 20 – President's Day
February 20 – Daisy Gatson Bates Day (Arkansas)
February 21 – Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras
February 25 – African-American Scientist & Inventor Day
February 25 – George Rogers Clark Day (IN)
February 28 – Linus Pauling Day (OR)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Editor's Column

Once again, THANK YOU to the members for submitting articles for the newsletter. That certainly makes my job easier. And if you think that you have a story that you can send to the newsletter, please do it.

I would urge everyone to read the article on page 8 regarding the proposed changes to Genealogy Plus. Give these changes a lot of thought because they will affect all members and how SCGS is conducted. The last line in Mary's article on page 8 is probably most important.

Like Nancy stated in the president's article, January started out with 2 very good presentations, which are further summarized with additional articles (pages 4 & 6) in this newsletter.

I really feel that this newsletter is a continuation of the way it should be – full of information and other good genealogy stuff. Please read it thoroughly. Oh, and you can exercise your basic genealogy search skills by looking up some of the people's names in the previous column on this page.

I felt that I needed to write an article about Zoom - the computer/smart phone program that SCGS uses for Hybrid meetings. It's a very important communication tool that SCGS continues to pay for each year and it enables SCGS to be in touch with people outside of the Story County area as well as those who may not be able to attend meeting for 1 reason or another. Note that this program can be used on your smart phone if you are traveling. Distance is not a factor with Zoom – as long as you click on the link you can download the necessary information to be a part of the meeting or presentation.

If anyone is wondering, I am getting back to normal now health-wise. I just want to thank everyone who has helped me along the way – SCGS members, church people, friends and family – also the doctors who put me back together.

Dick

Don't your VALENTINE

Rebel Women: Stories They Tell

Presentation by Dr. Alissa Stoehr – January 2023

Following is a synopsis of Dr. Stoehr's presentation. You can watch and listen to her presentation – see link and resources to Rebel Women below.

- Carrie Chapman Catt – heavily involved in National American Suffrage Association and created the League of Women Voters
- Rose Wilder Lane – One of the most influential advocates n the American libertarian movement
- Rosa Parks – honored as "the first lady of civil rights"
- Carrie Nation – radical member of the temperance movement which opposed alcohol before the start of Prohibition

Puritan women
Most people accused of being witches were women (76%)

Many resources for Rebel Women – Birth Records, diaries and journals; family Bibles and calendars, hospital records, newspapers, court documents, church records, land records

Other resources
www.genealogytraails.com/main/illnessdefinitions.html (Institution records)
https://www.blacksheepancestors.com/ (Insane asylum records)
library.cshl.edu/special-collections/eugenics Eugenics Record Office
https://researchguides.uic.edu/hull-house Settlement house records and Women's pages in the newspaper
Unclaimed mail in the newspapers
Notices repudiating wives' debts (in "Special Notices" section generally)
Libraries.smith.edu/news/2019/06/historical-ywca-records-are-new-available-through-special-collections (Young Women's Christian Association)
https://archives.wheaton.edu/repositories/4 (Women's Christian Temperance Union)
https://library.bowdoin.edu/ (National Association of Colored Women)
https://odd-fellows.org/history/genealogy-research/ (Daughters of Rebekah)
https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nwa (Notable Women Ancestors)

Prostitutes
- U.S. Census
- City directories
- City police blotters
- Newspapers

Other reference web sites
https://cattcenter.iastate.edu/home/about-us/carrie-chapman-catt
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rose_Wilder_Lane
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosa_Parks
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carrie_Nation
https://ancestralfindings.com/your-rebel-puritan-ancestors-part-two-the-women/
https://familytreemagazine.com/female-ancestors/unisual-records-female-ancestors/
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salem_witch_trials
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tituba

Recorded on Youtube at Rebel Women, Dr. Alissa Stoehr.mp4 - Google Drive

2023 AMES HISTORY MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 7pm, HYBRID
NOTABLE WOMEN IN AMES HISTORY
By Kathy Svec, Museum volunteer

This presentation will introduce you to a group of remarkable women from different time periods of Ames history. Some names will be familiar, but others may be completely new to audience members. Capable, brave and visionary, these individuals with their unique talents had a profound impact on our community, on our state and for some, their efforts resonated nationally. They were leaders, marking a path for others to follow. Taken as a group, they cannot help but inspire! We are pleased to bring deserved attention to these individuals once again.

Other 2023 presentations by AHM include:

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BREAD FOR MY ENEMIES: THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIN IN IOWA, ZOOM ONLY
By David Mills, Assoc.Prof., US Army Command/General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

ZOOM

I think by now everyone knows the value of the Zoom program that Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) uses for video meetings on a regular basis.

When the pandemic hit everyone, all organizations were scrambling to find a way to stay in touch with their membership. SCGS, like other organizations, found Zoom to be a good alternative. Then the pandemic eased up a little bit but some people still wanted the capability of attending a meeting without actually going out of the house and attending, whether they were out of the Story County area or for other reasons. That is where Zoom came in very handy.

SCGS has gained membership in certain parts of the USA that may not be within our travel area, so Zoom is a very good alternative. SCGS members are sent an invitation to all Zoom presentations and meetings.

There are some things that you need to do on your computer to use Zoom successfully.
First, have a set of headphones hooked into a USB port on your computer or be certain that your computer has a good speaker(s).
Second, in the bottom, right corner of most computers is a logo that probably looks something this 🔊. Click on this logo or icon and you will be able to adjust the volume coming out of the computer. If this doesn't help, you may want to go into the Settings and adjust the volume. This will enable you to hear the sounds coming through the computer.
Third, if your computer doesn't have a good microphone, then the other people on Zoom may not be able to hear you.

When you sign-on to Zoom, use the link that is sent to your email by the SCGS person arranging the meeting. When you click on the link, it will download the driver and, after a little bit, it will start to ask you questions like "join with video" and "join with audio". You want to answer YES to both of these questions. If you discover that you don't want the video or audio on, you can mute them when you get on Zoom.

Zoom is a wonderful program, so don't be intimidated by it. Use it like it was intended. If you want to try out Zoom, I'm certain that one of the officers of SCGS will help you.
From your Editor

Plans for Revision of Genealogy Plus

by Mary J. Lohr

"The Times They are a-Changin"--Bob Dylan

Do you remember when SCGS first began the Genealogy Plus series? You would be correct if you said 2015. That's eight years of excellent presentations on the third Wednesday. The idea for the series, in addition to the regular SCGS monthly evening meeting, was to provide expanded genealogical content during the daytime.

And the response from the public and members has been fantastic. In the early days, a qualified speaker would present an hour program, followed by an hour of hands-on assistance and research. This program was co-sponsored by the Ames Public Library and they graciously provided a bank of laptops for people to use during the second hour. (And if memory serves correctly, they also provided coffee and tea.) Sometimes there were attendees who were using the computer up until the very last minute before we had to clear the room.

Then an unseen event occurred-- the Pandemic, and with it many changes. The library was closed, so Genealogy Plus could not hold our regular programs in the building, but that challenge was handled by going virtual, and the series was then continued via Zoom sessions.

A few years later, life returned to somewhat "normal" and regular activities resumed, including Genealogy Plus programs-- but with an addition. The series became hybrid, with both in-person attendance and also broadcast via Zoom. So, participants had a choice between attending at the library or watching remotely. And the Ames Public Library added yet another way to access the content: by recording the live presentation and making it available for later viewing on their YouTube channel.

Now some of those changes mentioned earlier are in the planning process. SCGS has not offered any genealogy classes for some time. And that is what is on the agenda, beginning with a two-hour class ("Genealogy 101") in September and October 2023. We'll have a speaker in November. Then, depending on the perceived need, we will offer help sessions or training session as needed during the winter months.

The two-hour classes will be in person only, but if the members working on the class are willing, we would like to offer evening classes the following week via Zoom, permitting members who would like to join us but are unable to attend during the day due to distance and other factors.

In March and April 2024 (yes, we do plan ahead!), we'll present a two-hour class, followed by a speaker in May. These two classes will be an extension of the fall classes.

That's the format as planned for now … but the exact content is still being developed. The Ames Public Library has graciously agreed to co-sponsor the events.

In summary, Genealogy Plus is not going away. It's just being relaunched in September 2023 in a different format. But one thing is not changing: the speakers and the classes will be free, a price we can all appreciate!

Female Names Not Used Much Anymore - SCGS Word Search #43

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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ARMINNA	CORA	ETTA	MABEL	MYRTLE
ARVILLA	DELITHA	HETTIE	MARCINE	ORILLA
ARZONE	DELLA	IOLA	MARTHA	PHIENE
BERTHA	DICEY	KENDRA	MATILDA	PRICEILLA
BEULAH	EHIORAH	KEZIAH	MAUDE	ZELDA

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President's Message

February was another month of learning more about Genealogy Research. Gwenna and Mary started us off with digging deeper into what you can find in the 1950 census. I think it is fun to find people that I actually knew. Also found out lots of information about "ne-VAY-duh" and where can find it. I always check the obit section at the Nevada Library whenever I am in town. Sure, am thankful it is kept current. Even suggested to someone the other day to visit there when he is in the area doing research on his ancestors who settled in the Collins area. Hopefully he finds some new info or someone he didn't have on his list of ancestors from the area.

I keep thinking about the cookbook presentation Diana S. gave in January and how valuable the recipes are and how important they are to preserve. An extra bonus would be if you have recipes written in a special person's handwriting. I even stumbled across a TV show where a master chef is asked to recreate a recipe made by someone's mother or grandmother. The Chef checked where the recipe was from and what time period and what the maker would have available. She does a lot of researching before attempting to make the recipe. Very interesting.

Once again, this shows how important it is to write your story and also those of your ancestors. There are many ways to do this, so pick the one that works for you.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday March 13, 2023
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
IGS Information
See Page 3

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday March 15, 2023
10:00 AM - Noon
At Ames Public Library and also via Zoom
Gems & Junk: A Beginner's Guide to Online Research
See Page 3

Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Email or talk to SCGS member if you need assistance with your genealogy or computer

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes 13 February, 2023

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Nancy Long. Eight attended at the Ames Public Library and twelve viewed via Zoom.

Minutes of the January 2023 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that she submitted a purchase request of six titles to the library last week.

Mary Lohr advised members to check their email spam folder for misdirected communication from SCGS. She noted that this has been a problem especially for those with AOL, Verizon and Yahoo email addresses.

Dick Cooper asked for member submissions of articles for the newsletter.

Nancy noted that helpers are needed for the classes to be offered in September and October. Planning for future programs is beginning. Ideas may be submitted to a board member. There will be a planning meeting via Zoom on February 20th at 7:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend. A link for the meeting will be sent to all members.

Genealogy Plus this month will be presented by Linda Wright. She will be speaking about Nevada and the early history of Story County.

No help sessions will be held this year. Requests for help with genealogical questions may be made through the society website.

A field trip to the Iowa Historical Library will be the May Genealogy Plus event. There is a list of resources available at that library on the SCGS website events page.

RootsTech begins March 2nd. Details are available at https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/

The program "1950 Census Follow-Up" was presented by Gwenna Jacobson and Mary Lohr. Information was shared about the history of the "72 year rule". Examples of information available in this census were given using notable Ames residents.

The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg

Notes from the Web Manager

Smile Program Amazon discontinued the Smile Amazon program at the end of February. This was a donation to qualified non-profits based on a per cent of sales. Through the years SCGS received approximately $115 from this program. Thank you to all who donated! Your contributions are appreciated.

Photos Have you ever signed in to your account on the website (storygenes.com) and seen photos displayed by their name on the membership list? You, too, can join this distinguished group if you'd like to have your photo placed by your name. Just email a head shot of yourself to webmanager@storygenes.com
This is a great way to associate names with faces and get to know other SCGS members.
(These photos are only visible to members, not to the public.)

Surname Another membership benefit is to list surnames (with location, if desired) that you are researching. The surnames are available under the Surname Research menu and people can contact your through a blind address system. Your name and email are NOT visible to the public. Also, it's up to you if you wish to respond. But this could help put you in touch with people researching common surnames. Please take a look at this feature to see if it interests you. To add your list of surnames, login to your account on the website, click Profile, and then choose the Surname tab.

Emails We've had reports of members not receiving some of our emails. Bluecrab Software, our web hosting service, says this is most frequent with AOL, Verizon, and Yahoo email accounts. They are working on the problem, but suggest checking your Spam email folder regularly. If you find emails from SCGS in that folder it may help to mark it "not spam." This should indicate to your email provider such email can go to your inbox.

Birthdays Finally, Jolene Webber, VP for Membership, is using her talents in creating greeting cards for members who have listed their birthday on their membership profile. (You only need to list the month and date; the year is optional.) This information may have been added if you supplied it when you joined SCGS. If not, it can be added by sending the month and day of your birthday to webmanager@storygenes.com *(Adding this information is entirely optional.)*

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday March 13, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Iowa Genealogical Society Resources and Interest Groups

Mo Willkins will outline some of the resources and also describe the various interest groups that are available at the Iowa Genealogical Society.

Presenter: Mo Willkins

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday March 15, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
10:00 am – Noon

Gems & Junk: A Beginner's Guide to Online Research

Today's family histories have an amazing selection of online sources and resources for genealogical research. What are the best options and how do you differentiate between the "gems" and outright junk? This presentation explores the very best and the very worst of online genealogy.

Presenter: Alice Hoyt Veen, CG

Genealogy Plus is co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Please email or call someone at SCGS to arrange a meeting time and place. This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

2023 AMES HISTORY MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 7pm
EXPLORING THE TRICE CONNECTION: JACK'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN ISC FRIENDS, FAMILY AND CLASSMATES
By Gloria Betcher, Historical Researcher; Teaching Prof. of English, Iowa State University

October 1923 marks the centennial of Jack Trice's tragic death and Iowa State University and the Ames community will celebrate his accomplishments and the inspiration he continues to provide. Equally inspiring and noteworthy are Jack's African American friends, family and classmates. This lecture will explore the lives of Jack's early 1920s social connections and examine what life was like for him, his Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity brothers, his wife, Cora Mae and his Black classmates. Where did they live and how did they fund their educations? Among this group were future engineers, teachers and professors, a future aviator, two future university Directors of Agriculture, three future university presidents and a future Congressional Medal of Freedom recipient - all defying the odds by attending an historically White college in a majority White state.

Upcoming events at the Ames Museum:

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Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Genetic Genealogy 2023

If you are interested, please click on the following link to get more information on this Genetic Genealogy In-Person and Virtual Conference available. Home - SCGS Genealogy Jamboree 2022

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

March – Frozen Food Month
March – Red Cross Month
March 1 – Ohio 220th Anniversary of Statehood
March 1 – First Day of Women's History Month
March 1 – First Day of Irish American Heritage Mo.
March 2 – Texas Independence Day
March 2 – Read Across America Day
March 3 – Employee Appreciation Day
March 4 – Casimir Pulaski Day (WI)
March 6 – Casimir Pulaski Day (IN, IL)
March 7 – Town Meeting Day (VT)
March 8 – International Women's Day
March 12 – Daylight Saving Time starts
March 15 – Ides of March
March 15 – American Legion Established
March 16 – Birthday
March 17 – St Patrick's Day
March 17 – Evacuation Day (MA)
March 20 – March Equinox
March 25 – Maryland Day
March 26 – Prince Johan Kuhio Kalanianaole Day
March 27 – Seward's Day (AK)
March 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day
March 30 – Wyoming Veterans Welcome Home Day
March 30 – Doctors' Day
March 30 – Vietnam Veterans Day (DE, WV)
March 31 – Cesar Chavez Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Social Security Prefix Numbers FREE

A listing of these numbers is available in many locations. A SCGS found a list on FrugalGenealogy.

BE PREPARED

On Wednesday, May 17th 2023 SCGS members will have an opportunity to visit the Iowa State Historical Society on East Locust in Des Moines. Have your search requirements ready to go. If you have any questions, attend to a meeting and ask them.

Editor's Column

I think that we're on a roll here – several newsletters are at our 10-page maximum with only a few humorous articles. Thank you to all of the members for their input. I really do miss the library articles that had a good run in the newsletter. If anyone can think of a new subject similar to the libraries, let me know. Of course, more library articles would be welcomed also.

Don't forget to change your clocks so you can change over to daylight saving time in March.

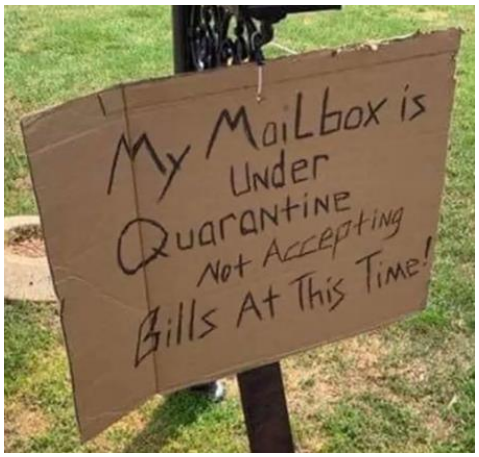
In case anyone forgot, the Ides of March is this month (every month has an Ides). The Ides of March had several observances but in 44BC, it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar, which made it even more famous.

Of course, we all probably know that on March 17th, or feast day of the patron saint of Ireland, everyone is Irish. **Green prevails on that day!!!!!!!**

Of course the March Equinox (March 19,20 or 21) is when the sun crosses the equator from north to south. I don't know about you, but I won't know the difference except I hope that it will start to get warmer when that happens.

Thanks again to our membership and all others who receive this newsletter. Remember, you don't have to be a SCGS member to submit an article. We love to get them from everyone. To send articles, my email address is: newsletter@storygenes.com and it will come directly to me – thanks to everyone.

Dick



Glenn, John and Philip in a New Car

Submitted by Patricia Coffie

In 1993, I (Patricia Ballard Coffie) had given Mom (Nellie Gertrude (Fredregill) Ballard Pratt (Yes, there are stories there too) a hand-held voice-activated tape recorder and asked for stories as we visited the four cemeteries where family members were buried. It was Decoration Day. She had a story for every tombstone.

This story involves two of Story County's European/Norwegian pioneer families—Ballard and Sheffield. John was my father, Glenn my uncle, and Philip was their cousin. R. Phillip Sheffield and John F. Ballard Jr. graduated from Story City High School in 1928.

Mom's story was about Christmas long ago, maybe 1927. Dad had received a pocket watch for Christmas and would hold it out and admire the watch and the gold chain that would hang out of his pocket to anchor the watch through a button hole in a shirt or vest or suit jacket.

> First cousin Philip Sheffield came by that Christmas afternoon and said "I've got a new car. I've got a new car. Let's go for a ride."
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> Glenn and John said of course "Sure. We'll go for a ride with you."
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> Their mother said, "I wished you wouldn't." but they did.
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> In those days it was a great trick you know to come up to a railroad track—they always had these tracks built up about six foot—and you go up that pretty fast and you go over it and you just fly for a few feet before you'd hit the ground again so Phillip says "Well, shall I slow down?"
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> Glenn said "Go for it. Go for it."
> And John said "Sure."
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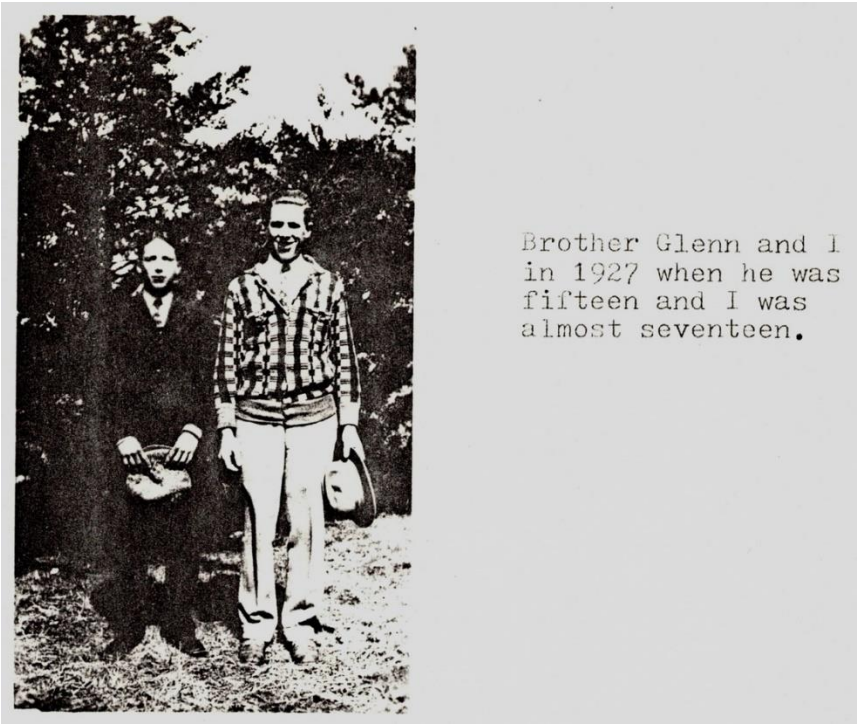
> So he give it the gun you know and up over that thing they went and when John came to, he was sitting in the barbed wire fence with his pocket watch wound around the fence and he was trying to get his pocket watch undone and he wasn't at all aware that he had three big scratches across his back and across his neck where the barbed wire dug into him so when he got home his mother took one look at him and let me tell you.



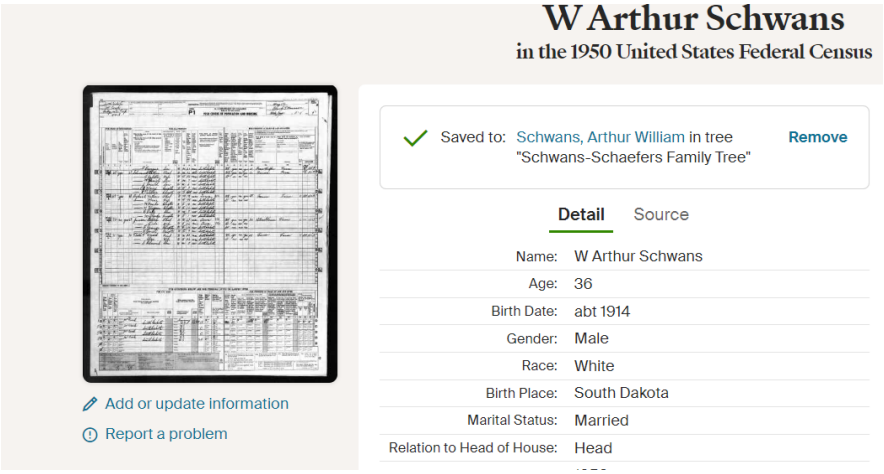
She got him in town to the doctor and he put a poultice on it and stuff and showed her how to take care of him and sent him back out to the farm and she took care of him and it healed up but he always had those big, long scars on his back and neck and one of them was in his hairline. and he always had a oh he called it a mole but it was a blackhead that I'd have to squeeze out every now and then.

Editing Census Indexes

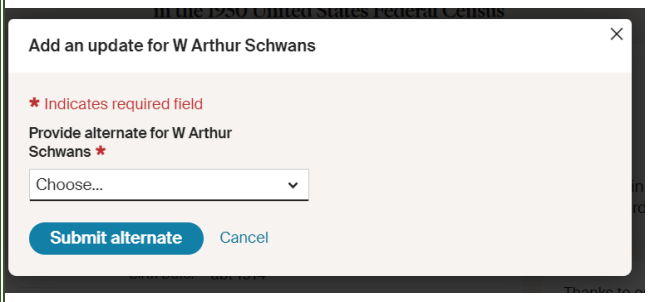
by Mary J. Lohr

When you're searching census records you may see your ancestors' name misspelled. This can affect the indexing, making the name difficult to find. Ancestry.com provides an option to suggest an edit by adding an alternative name or spelling. (You do need an account to make the edits.) Of course, this does not change the actual census record, but adds an entry to the indexed field to serve as another access point for finding the name.

To make an edit in Ancestry: search for the name in the census record and click on the search result to display the record.



Click on "Add or update information" located under the census image.



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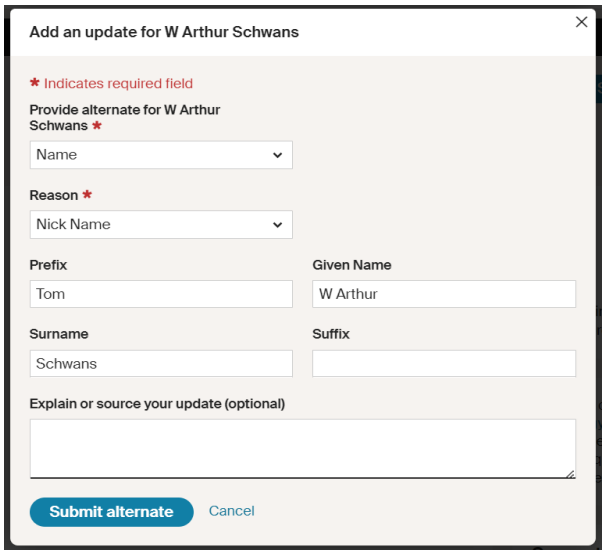

Then select your choice from the Reason menu, make the edits in the appropriate boxes.

There is a box to explain or source your update.
This is optional.

Then you're finished, click "Submit alternate."

That's all there is to it. You can edit or delete your submitted edits at any time.

Additional Plans for Revision of Genealogy Plus

by Mary J. Lohr

StoryGenes - 2023 Genealogy 101 Planning Meeting

Present: Nancy Long (President), Lyle Hammes (VP-Programming), Jolene Webber (VP-Membership), Dick Cooper (Newsletter Editor), Malvina Lutz (Librarian), Mary Lohr (Web Manager), Gwenna Jacobson (Co-Web Manager), Rita Lindahl, Joan Leysen, Kyle Solberg, Judy Hodges

We'll be discussing and planning a proposed two session genealogy class to be held in September and October 2023. Your input is welcome.

The genealogy class will be Wednesday, September 20 and October 18, both at 10 AM at the Ames Public Library. It will be in-person only.
A second class (likely very similar) will be offered via Zoom only at 7 PM on Thursday, September 28, and October 26.
We're trying to reach both "day time" people and "evening time people."

- Two-session, Two-hour Genealogy 101 sessions. Library is co-sponsoring the in-person sessions.
- Library may have a few computers to be able to use for the sessions
- Emphasis on the Library's Genealogy Resources
  - Ancestry Library Edition
  - FamilySearch Affiliate
  - Genealogy Book Collection
  - Farwell Newspaper Collection
- Genealogy Plus in Jan and Feb could be advanced topics like Newspapers
- Genealogy Plus in Nov Omaha Public Library how to get over Genealogy OCD
- Dick: Genealogical Date Format doesn't often get talked about. Need to talk about the very beginnings.

101 Course Outline - September (https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Begin_Your_Genealogy_Quest)

- What is Genealogy? Family History vs Genealogy
- Who We Are - Story County Genealogical Society
- Begin With What You Know - Yourself (Pedigree Chart)
  - Names
  - Dates
  - Locations
- Expand to Your Family Members (Family Group Sheets)
- Records Around the House/Talk with Family and Friends
- Get Organized and Do Research (Research Log)
  - Ames Public Library Resources
    - Ancestry Library Edition
    - FamilySearch Affiliate
    - HeritageQuest Online
    - Ames Newspapers
    - Books
  - Iowa Regional Repositories

102 Course Outline - October (https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Research_Process)

- Basic Overview of Genealogy 101
- Research Process

Daylight Saving Time Info

Daylight saving time (**DST**), also referred to as **daylight savings time** or **daylight time** (United States, Canada, and Australia), or **summer time** (United Kingdom, European Union, and others), is the practice of advancing clocks (typically by one hour) during warmer months so that darkness falls at a later clock time. The typical implementation of DST is to set clocks forward by one hour in the spring ("spring forward"), and to set clocks back by one hour in the fall ("fall back") to return to standard time. As a result, there is one 23-hour day in early spring and one 25-hour day in the middle of autumn.

The idea of aligning waking hours to daylight hours to conserve candles was first proposed in 1784 by U.S. polymath Benjamin Franklin. In a satirical letter to the editor of *The Journal of Paris*, Franklin suggested that waking up earlier in the summer would economize on candle usage; and calculated considerable savings.

NOTE: It is suggested that when you go to bed on Saturday night March 11th, set your clock ahead 1 hour (i.e. 11pm will be changed to 12 midnight). Then when you wake up on Sunday morning March 12th, your time will be set on daylight saving time. You can check this by looking at your mobile phone or computer time vs. the microwave or oven clock. Normally the mobile phones and computers will be changed automatically.

American Legion Brief History

The American Legion was established on March 15, 1919, in Paris, France, by delegates to a caucus meeting from units of the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.), which adopted a tentative constitution. The action of the Paris Caucus was confirmed and endorsed by a similar meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri, from May 8 to 10, 1919, when the Legion was formally recognized by the troops who served in the United States. The Paris Caucus appointed an Executive Committee of seventeen officers and men to represent the troops in France and the St. Louis caucus appointed a similar Committee of Seventeen. These two national executive committees amalgamated and were the initial governing body of the Legion. The temporary headquarters was located in New York City

A Farmer's Donkey Fell Into a Well

The animal cried loudly for hours, while the farmer tried to find something to do to get him out.

Finally, the farmer decided that the donkey was old and the well was already dry and needed to be covered anyway; that it really wasn't worth pulling the donkey out of the well..

He invited all his neighbors to come help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to throw dirt into the well.

The donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly loud. Then, to everyone's surprise, he quieted down after a few shovelfuls of dirt.

The farmer finally looked down into the well and was amazed at what he saw... with each shovelful of dirt, the donkey was doing something incredible: It was shaking off the dirt and stepping on top of the dirt.

Very soon everyone saw surprised how the donkey reached the mouth of the well, went over the edge and trotted out...

Life is going to throw dirt at you, all kinds of dirt... the trick to getting out of the hole is to shake it off and use it to step up. Each of our problems is a step up. We can get out of the deepest holes if we don't give up...

Use the land they throw you to get ahead!!!

Remember the 5 rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hate.

2. Free your Mind of distractions.

3. Simplify your life.

4. Give more and expect less.

5. Love more and... shake the dirt, because in this life you have to be a solution, not the problem!

Author Unknown

Story County Cemeteries Word Search

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers can be found at Word Search Answers

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Bergen	Cambridge	Evergreen	Knoll	OakGrove
Bethany	Center	Fairview	Lincoln	OakHill
Bethlehem	Cory	Fjeldberg	Manges	Ontario
Bloomington		Fosen		Woodland

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Credit Cards are accepted also (www.storygenes.com)
Membership - Individual $20 ___ or Family (2) $25 ___
OR
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Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

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Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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President's Message

April is National Volunteer Month. Story County Genealogical Society is made of volunteers and what a talented and great group of people to know. I will start by thanking everyone for what they do to make SCGS such a good organization. First there is the Board - Pete, Deb, Lyle, Jolene, Rhonda, Paul, Malvina, Mary, Gwenna and Jim, a group of people who do an amazing job keeping SCGS running smoothly and always willing to step up and go the extra mile for the Society. All our members, near and far who contribute in their own way whenever needed. Everyone is important and has their own special talent which helps keep SCGS one of the best. The Ames Public Library is not only the place where we hold our meetings but we have, Megan who helps with programing and just giving us new ideas.

The pandemic brought about changes, like getting used to zoom meetings and now hybrid meetings but I think these changes have been good for us in some ways. We have people who can join our meetings from anywhere and we have been able to obtain speakers who would not been in our budget otherwise.

Remember our Field Trip to the State Historical Library in Des Moines next month. Will be fun to see all the remodeling they have done and do some research. I have started my list of questions I hope to find the answers. Hope you can come.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 10, 2023
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
DAR and Beyond
See Page 3

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday April 19, 2023
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Get to Know the Danish Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa
See Page 3

Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Email or talk to SCGS member if you need assistance with your genealogy or computer

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes 13 March, 2023

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:38 p.m. with 9 people participating via Zoom and 11 people attended in person.

Minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting were approved as printed in the SCGS Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson was not available so there was no financial report today.

Malvina Lutz, Librarian, submitted 6 books to the Ames Public Library. They have agreed to order and process these books and they will be available on the genealogy shelves. Malvina will provide titles submitted to Dick Cooper for inclusion in the April 2023 SCGS Newsletter.

Nancy asked for volunteers to audit the treasury files. Ginny Huntington and Jolene Webber volunteered to help Pete Peterson. Nancy will let Pete know who the auditors will be.

Nancy reminded everyone of Genealogy Plus session scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 at the Ames Public Library and by Zoom. Subject: **Gems and Junk, *A Beginners Guide to Online Research*** by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG. If you attend by Zoom you will need to register. Nancy also reminded people that if you need help at any time, you may go on line and schedule an appointment.

Mary Lohr, Web Manager, reported the planning committee for the September/October classes is ongoing.

Mary Lohr introduced our special guest speaker this evening, Mo Willkins, IGS Secretary and Regional Representative, of Iowa Genealogy Society in Des Moines. She presented an outline of the IGS resources available on line and also described the various interest groups (see below) that are available at IGS. IGS has a new web site with the sub title "Your Ancestors are waiting for you to find them". They are located at 628 E. Grand, Des Moines. Phone: 515-276-8287. They are

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directly across from the Iowa Historical Museum. Free parking is available. Hours: M-W-F 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; T-Th 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Closed on holidays.

Special Interest Groups are a great way to network with others. Participation is a benefit of your Iowa Genealogical Society Membership. If you are not a member yet, you may attend 1 complimentary meeting.

Ancestry Users Group: Second Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Free to members. Register in advance.
Family Tree Maker Users Group: Second Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Free to members. Register in advance.
DNA Special Interest Group: First Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Free to members. Register in advance.
German Special Interest Group: First Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Free to members. Join the meeting here.
Irish Special Interest Group: Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Free to members. Register in advance.
Legacy Users Group: Third Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. Free to members. Contact IGS to sign up.
Publishing and Preserving Family History: Fourth Sunday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Free to members. Register in advance.
Norwegian Special Interest Group : Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Free to members. Contact IGS to sign up.
RootsMagic Users Group: Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Free to members.

There is more information from the IGS presentation that can be found on page 8 in this newsletter.

The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.
Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 10, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

DAR and Beyond….almost everything you need to know

Learn about the Daughters of the American Revolution and what it and other lineage societies have to offer.

Presenter: Susan Harris

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday April 19, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
10:00 am – Noon

Get to Know the Danish Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa

Hear is an opportunity to learn about the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa-- what resources they have and how they can help you with your Danish genealogy.

Presenter: Amanda Skellenger

Genealogy Plus is co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

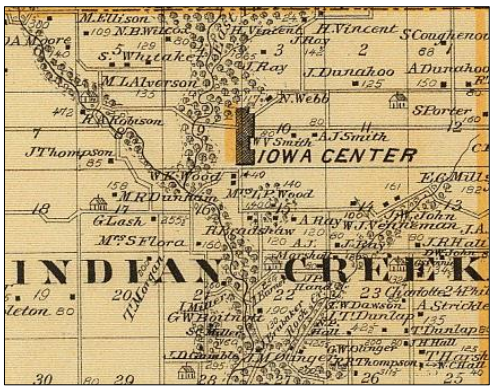
This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Please email or call someone at SCGS to arrange a meeting time and place. This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

WORDS TO LIVE BY – MAYBE

You only need two tools in life…WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move, and should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.

2023 AMES HISTORY MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

Tuesday, April 25, 7pm, HYBRID
OFF THE MAP: STORIES OF IOWA ABANDONED AND DISAPPEARING TOWNS
Speaker Rosa Snyder, artist and historian



Thousands of towns were established during Iowa's pioneer and railroad era. Many existed for a few years, some faded away over time and a few never existed except as "paper" towns. Regardless of why they originated or why they diminished, these communities have their own unique stories that are windows to the past. Artist and historian, Rosa Snyder will provide a tour around Story and central Iowa counties to sample these idiosyncratic communities in photographs and stories. You can register for this presentation at: https://ameshistory.org.

Program funded by Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Upcoming events at the Ames Museum:

Wednesday, May 24, 7pm
BREAD FOR MY ENEMIES: THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIN IN IOWA, ZOOM ONLY
By David Mills, Assoc.Prof., US Army Command/General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

Attend the presentation in person – you can register at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8216751089049/WN_jpliKGLIROOtqkSnZuKWVg

For more events, you can contact the Ames History Museum at: https://ameshistory.org

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

April 2023 – Community College Month
April 1 – April Fool's Day
April 2 – Pascua Florida Day (Florida)
April 6 – National Tartan Day
April 7 – State Holiday (Georgia)
April 13 – Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
April 15 – Father Damien Day (Hawaii)
April 16 – Emancipation Day (DC)
April 17 – Patriot's Day (Maine & Massachusetts)
April 17 – Boston Marathon
April 18 – Tax Day
April 21 – San Jacinto Day (Texas)
April 21 – Arbor Day (Colorado)
April 22 – Oklahoma Day (Oklahoma
April 24 – Arbor Day (Wyoming)
April 24 – Confederate Memorial Day (Mississippi)
April 24 – Confederate Memorial Day (Alabama)
April 25 – National Library Workers' Day
April 26 - Confederate Memorial Day (Florida)
April 26 – State Holiday (Georgia)
April 26 – Administrative Professionals Day
April 27 – Take your Sons & Daughters to Work Day
April 28 – Arbor Day (Nebraska)
April 28 – Arbor Day (Delaware)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

BE PREPARED

On Wednesday, May 17th 2023 SCGS members will have an opportunity to visit the Iowa State Historical Society on East Locust in Des Moines. Have your search requirements ready to go. If you have any questions, attend to a meeting and ask them.

Editor's Column

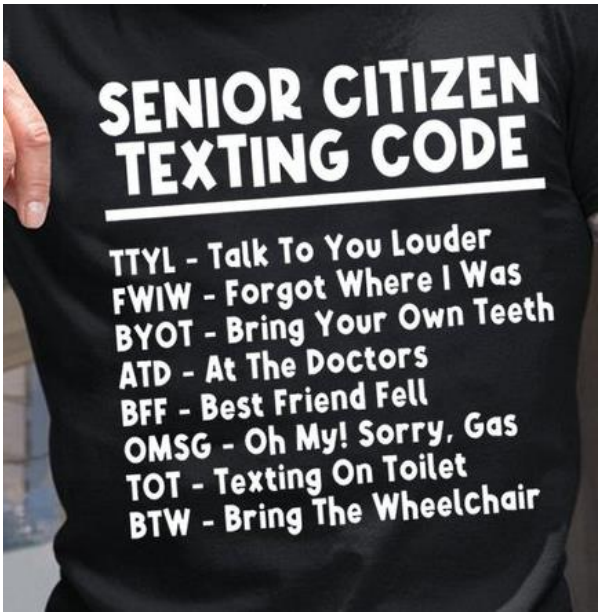
Well, it was just about like summer on Friday, but as everyone knows, if you wait a while the weather will change – and change it did. Hope nobody was adversely affected by the tornadoes, rains and wind though.

Once again, I am really amazed at the articles that I have received from members. I even received an email request from a SCGS member to do a presentation at the Ankeny Library late in late April. It's a presentation that I have done before about Find A Grave. Of course, I will also mention that BillionGraves is also a good website to use.

I will echo what Nancy has already said in her recent President's Messages on page 1. SCGS has really been the shining star when it comes to free genealogy presentations. We admit that we have dropped the regularly scheduled Help Sessions, but they are still available if you contact a SCGS member and setup a time and place to handle the situation.

Look on page 8 for more IGS (Iowa Genealogical Society) information that was deleted from the minutes' regular location on page 2. Once again, I thought that this information needed a special spot in the newsletter.

Dick



From Windows 10 to Linux: My Experience

by Mary J. Lohr

Recently my nearly five-year-old desktop computer running Windows 10 started shutting down at random times. At first this was an infrequent occurrence, but over time it had become more frequent and was very annoying. I tweaked all the appropriate settings but this did not solve the problem. An extensive Google search and more settings adjustment also did not solve the problem.

I did not know if the cause was a Windows or a hardware problem and I really was not in the market for purchasing a new computer. So, I decided to install Linux Mint, a free operating system with an interface very similar to that of Windows. If my computer shutting down was a hardware problem, then Linux probably would not work, but I really had nothing to lose.

The first step was to backup all my data to an external hard drive. Then I read (and re-read) the download and installation instructions at Linuxmint.com. While Linux is probably not for the faint-of-heart, it's not rocket science, either. I did the download and installation when I had plenty of time and wasn't preoccupied with other things (except genealogy, of course.) I used a flash drive rather than a disc for the download, verified the integrity of the download and system-- again, following the instructions carefully and methodically.

Linux Mint can be installed on a computer using a dual boot system, meaning the computer can be booted to either Windows or Linux. This gave me a chance to try the Linux system without replacing the Windows system on my computer. The only limitation was that any changes made to a document or settings while running Linux from the flash drive were not saved at the end of the session. I liked what I saw so I went ahead and installed Linux on my computer hard drive and eliminated Windows 10, feeling a bit unsure during the process.

But Linux booted very easily and setting up my preferences and customizing the settings was relatively easy. The home screen was beginning to look a bit like a familiar friend.

Google Chrome and Firefox browsers worked well on my computer. That meant my usual Internet activity would basically be the same when I used either of them.

But what about my genealogy software? Most of the programs are designed for either Windows or the Apple OS. Some Windows programs can run on Linux if Wine, a "Windows compatibility layer," is used. Since I've been using RootsMagic I was able to download and install it and run if I opened it with Wine. The results were not entirely satisfactory since the response time was very slow. Another program to get Windows software to play nicely on Linux is called "PlayOnLinux." The performance of RootsMagic was somewhat better using it, but still the system was sluggish.

Gramps is a genealogy software program that is known to operate well on Linux. And, indeed, I was not disappointed when I used it. Gramps does have a learning curve, but also has the advantage of being free.

I also tried the free version of AncestralQuest and was very impressed with the performance of its operating through PlayOnLinux. The response on Linux was as good as on Windows. I'm seriously considering switching to the paid version of AncestralQuest to take full advantage of all the features.

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Other thoughts on using Linux: updates are easy to install; downloading software designed for Linux is easy, and installation is also fairly simple. The challenge is using Windows software and trying it to see if is compatible. Linux has much of the look and feel of the Windows operating system, but it is completely independent of Windows. Linux is free and open source so it costs nothing to try.

Help is through online blogs and forums. Sometimes a solution can be found via a Google search or a Youtube video. Finding help will usually take a bit of an effort--but that's a good way to learn.

The LibreOffice suite of tools, which is a free alternative to Microsoft Office, also comes already installed with Linux Mint.

My printer worked flawlessly with the Linux system, but the scanner software is still putting up a fight.
This has not yet been resolved.

Overall, I'm pleased with the way my computer is operating with Linux. And that whole computer shutting down thing I mentioned earlier? That issue is no longer a problem with Linux. My computer boots up much faster and is no long randomly shutting down. I'll call that a win!

(You can find more information at linuxmint.com)

CORRECTION TO COMPUTER LINK

Your editor has been notified that there is a change in the computer link for those who wish to view the presentation "Gems & Junk *A Beginner's Guide to Online Research*" presented by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG®. Please note this change is applicable when you are going to view her presentation on the Ames Public Library website. The presentation was given by Alice Hoyt Veen on March 15, 2023. The new link is on Youtube and is:

https://youtu.be/ziOhM9RSr2Q ***<----Link for complete program***

Have You Discovered the PastPerfect Collection Software?

by Mary J. Lohr

Maybe the term *past perfect* reminds you of high school English, but there is another meaning currently in use that can be applied to genealogical research. PastPerfect (one word) describes itself as "an application for collections archiving." It is used by museums, archives, and libraries as well as other collections. The most frequent use is by small museums, but "small" is difficult to define in this case.

The website http://www.pastperfect-online.com/collections.html includes a list of institutions that currently use the software package. You can browse the collection by state. For Iowa there are six entries:

African American Museum of Iowa - Cedar Rapids
Ames History Museum - Ames
Fullhart/Carnegie Charitable Trust - Perry
Iowa Jewish Historical Society - Des Moines
Museum of Danish America - Elk Horn
National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium - Dubuque

Of course, the collection of each museum or historical society is unique, but the PastPerfect software allows one to search by keyword, term, random images, archives, photos, and objects. There is also an advanced search function.

(Suggestion: our Genealogy Plus speaker for April 19 is Amanda Skellenger from the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa. You can browse some of their collection: https://danishmuseum.pastperfectonline.com/)

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Good Words for Your Genealogy

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.

Contributed by a SCGS member

2023 SCGC/APL Genealogical Book Purchase

1. Finding Your Ancestors for Free: Your Guide to the Best Online Genealogy Archives, Collections, and Websites - by Kenneth R. Marks, published 2022.

2. American Migration Routes, Vol. 1 - Indian Paths, Post Roads & Wagon Roads - by William Dollarhide, published 2022.

3. American Migration Routes: Part II - Stagecoach, Steamboat, Canal & Early Railroad Routes - by William Dollarhide, published 2022.

4. My Best Genealogy Tips: Quick Keys to Research Ancestry - by Robin R. Foster, published 2021.

5. DNA for Native American Genealogy - by Roberta Estes, published 2021.

6. Tracing Your Scottish Family on the Internet: A Guide for Family Historians - by Chris Paton, published 2020.

Malvina Lutz
SCGS Librarian

Librarian's Notes

SCGS and Ames Public Library share the cost yearly purchasing a few recently published genealogy research books. Books are found by the SCGS Librarian online and in magazines. One newly purchased book is one you just may want to buy for yourself: Finding Your Ancestors for Free by Kenneth Marks (#1 above). It is available from Amazon.com as a 349-page paperback book for $19.99, OR for the purchase price of only $9.99 as a downloaded Kindle version.

Either version of the book is a gold mine of information for the family history researcher. The author has included many free websites for genealogy, a helpful description of some major websites, and resource links to all U.S. states. The Kindle book offers all those websites as clickable links!

To purchase the Kindle version of the book on Amazon.com, you will need to have the Kindle app downloaded to your phone, tablet, or computer. The app is Free. Checkout on Amazon clicking on the Kindle version. Once purchased, it will immediately appear in the Kindle app to now open and read. The best part is that all the websites listed in the book can be clicked on, that link opens up, and you are ready to start researching for your next genealogy discovery!

The computer link is: Amazon.com : finding your ancesors for free
Yes, the link/Amazon has mis-spelled the word ancestors.

IGS Information from Mr. Willkins' Presentation

IGS has a ***SPRING CONFERENCE*** coming up Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. by Melissa Barker. Melissa Barker is a Certified Archives Manager and Public Historian currently working at the Houston County, Tennessee Archives. She is affectionately known as The Archive Lady to the genealogy community. She lectures, teaches, and writes about the genealogy research process, researching in archives and records preservation. She conducts virtual presentations across the United States and Canada for various genealogy groups and societies. She writes a popular blog entitled A Genealogist in the Archives and is a well-known genealogy and history book reviewer. She has been a Professional Genealogist for 19 years with expertise in Tennessee records. She has been researching her own family history for the past 33 years.

Limited in-person sitting will be available at the library. Please contact IGS@iowagenealogy.org to check for availability. We have added a lunch option for those who want to attend in person.

Member's cost $55.00 / Non-Member's cost: $75.00
You may also do a trial membership for $10/day.
Class will be offered by Zoom as well.

For further information on what is available on the IGS website, please visit https://iowagenealogy.org/. You may sign up for their e-news publication which publishes bi-monthly. IGS is a family search affiliate. They will be discussing changes that came out in Rootstech in May.

Additional Plans for Revision of Genealogy Plus

by Mary J. Lohr

We'll be discussing and planning a proposed two session genealogy class to be held in September and October 2023. Your input is welcome.

The genealogy class will be Wednesday, September 20 and October 18, both at 10 AM at the Ames Public Library. It will be in-person only.

A second class (likely very similar) will be offered via Zoom only at 7 PM on Thursday, September 28, and October 26.
We're trying to reach both "day time" people and "evening time" people.

Mary Lohr has advised me that the meeting on April 3 is open to any interested SCGS member who wishes to join in the discussion. The Zoom information is below:

Story County Genealogical Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SCGS Class Planning Meeting
Time: Monday, April 3, 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9285177790

Meeting ID: 928 517 7790

SEEN ON THE INTERNET RECENTLY

Please do not eat in the library.

The ants will get in and learn to read and get too smart and knowledge is power, but power corrupts so they'll turn evil and take over the world.

Fish Found in Iowa Waters - SCGS Word Search #44

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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BLUEGILL	CHANNELCATFISH	GAR	NORTHERNPIKE	SUCKERS
BOWFIN	CHUB	HERRING	PADDLEFISH	SUNFISH
BROOKTROUT	CODFISH	LAMPREY	PERCH	TROUT
BULLHEAD	CRAPPIE	MINNOWS	SAUGER	WALLEYE
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Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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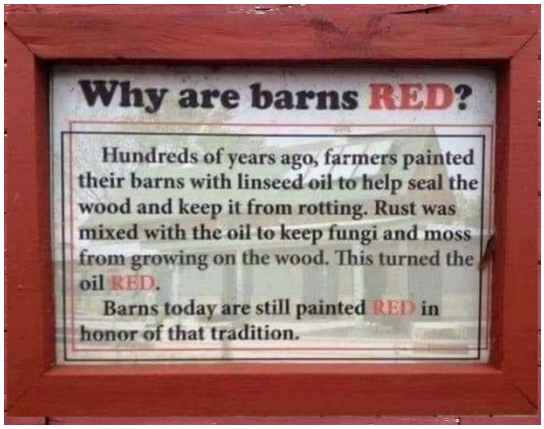
President's Message

The field trip to State Historical Library is getting closer. On May 17 we will meet at the Historical Building at 600 E. Locust in Des Moines at 10:00 and get to see all the remodeling that has been done and then do some research. Have you planned out what you are going to check out? Just a side note - they are replacing the floor in the building so the elevator will not available. Use the entrance off Grand to the Terrace Entrance. There is free parking on the corner of Grand and Pennsylvania as well some free parking on 7th as well metered parking around the building. There are lockers at the facility to store your items. You will be able to bring into the library - paper, pencil (no pens), your computer/tablet/phone. If there are not enough lockers for everyone/you may have to share. You can check out our website - **storygenes.com** where there are many of the resources that the State Historical Library has available for us to do our research. You are free to stay the rest of the day, if you wish. Hope to see you there.

Nancy



Story County Genealogical Society
Monday May 8, 2023
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Ames History Museum
See Page 3

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday May 17, 2023
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Field Trip to Iowa State Historical Society
See Page 3

Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Email or talk to SCGS member if you need assistance with your genealogy or computer

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:35 p.m. with 10 people participating via Zoom and 17 people attended in person.

Minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting were approved as printed in the SCGS Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the March 2023 treasurer's report. After reporting the income and expenditures the ending balance remains very good. After no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

Malvina Lutz, Librarian, submitted 6 books to the Ames Public Library. Ames Public Library agreed to order and process the books. The books will be available on the genealogy shelves, second floor of the library, once they have been catalogued. A listing of these published books is available in the April Newsletter.

Nancy reminded the group of the upcoming Genealogy Plus meeting, April 19 at the APL, 10:00 a.m. to Noon. If you wish to attend via Zoom, pre-registration is required through the APL. **Topic: Get to Know the Danish Museum in Elk Horn, IA** Presenter is Amanda Skellenger

May 17, 2023, SCGS members will have an opportunity to visit the Iowa State Historical Society located on East Locust in Des Moines. Hours for this tour are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free parking available across the street from the Iowa Genealogy Society. Go to the StoryGenes website to Events in the left column for more information about the Iowa Historical Society. https://storygenes.com

Mary Lohr, Web Manager, reported that Kyle Solberg has created fillable genealogy charts and forms and placed them on the StoryGenes web site. Please send Lyle Hammes an e-mail with your ideas for our monthly Monday SCGS meetings.

Mary Lohr introduced our guest speaker this evening, **Susan Harris of DAR (Daughters of the American**

Continued in next column **(Minutes)**

Continued from previous column **(Minutes)**

Revolution) and beyond … almost everything you need to know. Susan is the current Registrar for the Sun Dial-Solomon Dean Chapter NSDAR, Ames, Iowa. She is the Honorary State Regent for Iowa Society DAR. She can be reached at 515-292-9076 or email: sharris315@mchsi.com.

The Sun Dial Chapter NSDAR was organized on October 7, 1907, by Mrs. Anson Marston. The name of the chapter was suggested by Hattie Willey, a member who possessed a sun dial that was the property of Mr. Willey's paternal ancestor, the Elder William Brewster, beloved pastor of the Plymouth Colony.

Eligibility for Membership: Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

For information on DAR facts, membership, national headquarters, Iowa chapter officers, Iowa chapter meetings, patriot ancestors, contact information, Iowa Society of DAR, and National Society of DAR, please visit their website at: http://www.isdar.org/chapters/sundial-solomondean/index.html

Susan gave handouts from this presentation which you will find on StoryGenes under the subject of "Handouts" and sub heading "Lineage Societies": https://storygenes.com/cpage.php?pt=82. The handout outlines DAR facts, membership, national headquarters, publications and resources, DAR Committees, historic preservation, education, patriotism, and hereditary societies.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.
Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday May 8, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Learn about the significant contributions to the Ames area of prominent people of color.

Presenter: Ames History Museum Staff

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday May 17, 2023
SCGS members are invited to Iowa Historical Society in Des Moines
10:00 am – Whenever

State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust, Des Moines, Iowa
Tour of State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI)
Attachment has information about the library.

Download:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z3CVTfa0xv21k4nWGgUR96pavOUx7gcR/view

By printing the information sheets shown above, you will also see other links for research, etc. to contact the State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI)

Genealogy Plus is co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library.

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

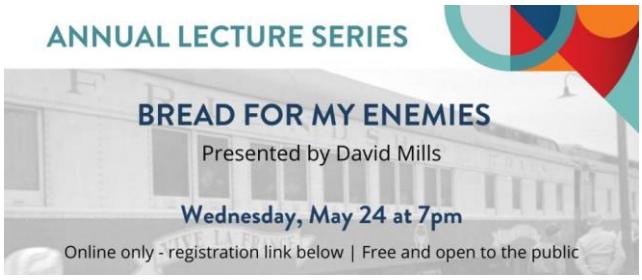
This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Please email or call someone at SCGS to arrange a meeting time and place. This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

2023 AMES HISTORY MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

Wednesday, May 24, 7pm, HYBRID

BREAD FOR MY ENEMIES: THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIN IN IOWA, ZOOM ONLY

Speaker: David Mills, Associate Professor, US Army Command/General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas



Attend online: Register Here
After World War II ended, the French began rebuilding their ravaged nation and were in great need of everyday necessities. A Washington newspaper-man's suggestion that America come to their aid with a "Friendship Train" caught fire. The train went from Los Angeles to New York, adding cars along the way. It came though Ames in November 1947 and locals responded wholeheartedly as did all Iowa towns on the route. Learn the history of this humanitarian effort from David Mills, Associate Professor, US Army Command/General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Not able to attend virtually? The lecture will be streamed in Ames Public Library's Rotary Room.

2023 Lecture Series presented in partnership by Ames History Museum and Ames Public Library. All lectures free and open to the public. https://ameshistory.org

Attend the presentation in person – you can register at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8216751089049/WN_jpIiKGLIROOtqkSnZuKWVg

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

May 2023 – National Nurses Month
May 2023 – National Bike Month
May 1 – Law Day
May 1 – Loyalty Day
May 1 – Lei Day (Hawaii)
May 1 – First Day of Military Appreciation Month
May 1 – First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
May 1 – First Day of Jewish American Heritage Month
May 2 – National Teacher Appreciation Day
May 4 – Kent State Shootings Remembrance
May 4 – National Day of Prayer
May 4 – Rhode Island Independence Day
May 4 – West Virginia Day of Prayer
May 5 – Cinco de Mayo
May 5 – Kentucky Oaks (sporting event)
May 6 – Kentucky Derby (sporting event)
May 6 – National Nurses Day
May 6 – National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day
May 8 – Truman Day (Missouri)
May 8 – Victory in Europe Day
May 10 – Confederate Memorial Day (So Carolina)
May 10 – Confederate Memorial Day (No Carolina)
May 12 – Native American Day (Wyoming)
May 12 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day
May 14 – Mother's Day
May 15 – Peace Officers Memorial Day
May 19 – National Defense Transportation Day
May 20 – Public Lands Day (Colorado)
May 20 – Armed Forces Day
May 20 – Preakness Stakes (sporting event)
May 22 – National Maritime Day
May 22 – Harvey Milk Day (California)
May 24 – Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
May 25 – National Missing Children's Day
May 29 – Memorial Day
May 29 – Decoration Day (AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA)
May 29 – Jefferson Davis's Birthday (Mississippi)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Summer Beckons

by Mary J. Lohr

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer …"
Song by Nat King Cole

Genealogists might not have lazy days of summer, especially if they are planning to do extensive research, visit cemeteries, libraries and archives. But everyone needs some down time to rest and recuperate. And sometimes what is needed is a good book or two, and maybe more!

Following the annual meeting on November 13, 2023, SCGS is planning for members to share a book they have enjoyed, found inspiring, or maybe even helped solve a genealogy brick wall. The book (or other resource) can be fiction or non-fiction.

So, this summer take note of something that you've enjoyed reading or using and plan to tell us how you found it useful in your genealogy life. We can all learn from each other.

SCGS doesn't hold regularly scheduled meeting during the summer months. It's the perfect time to expand your knowledge of learning about your ancestry. In addition to printed resources, there are instructional videos on Youtube that may be of interest.

Suggested Youtube genealogy channels worth exploring:

- Ancestral Findings
- Ancestry
- Family History Fanatics
- FamilySearch
- Family Tree Magazine
- Genealogy Gems (Lisa Louise Cooke)
- Genealogy Hints (Aimee Cross)
- Genealogy TV (Constance Knox)
- Genealogy with Amy Johnson Crow
- Lisa Lisson
- MyHeritage
- Midwest Genealogy Center
- US National Archives *(they have a Genealogy Series in May and June)*

A search for "genealogy" on Youtube will yield many more.

Have a fun summer exploring and learning!

The 10 Hard Truths ***Every Family Historian Must Learn***

This article appeared as A *Family History Daily* Tip Sheet

No matter how far along you are in building your family tree, there are always surprises and new lessons to learn. These hard truths are ones all of us encounter at some point in our journey. **When did you figure them out?**

1. Not every record is online.
This might be the understatement of a lifetime. Several years ago, it was estimated that only 10% of genealogical documents and records are actually digitized and available on the internet.

2. Other people's trees are not valid sources.
We can't stress this hard truth enough, because even as you're reading this, someone, somewhere is saving someone else's collective research to their own family tree.

3. Citing your sources is not optional.
Remember those high school and college research papers that had to include footnotes, parenthetical citations, and a works cited or bibliography page? Those were required for one simple reason: Your teacher needed to know where you found your information, ensure you copied or interpreted it accurately, and check to make sure you're giving credit to the original source.

4. Not all of your family's stories and assumptions are true.
If you've always been told you're descended from a Native American princess, the Queen of England, or a Revolutionary War hero, be prepared: Thorough genealogy research and/or DNA technology may very well prove this family lore to be unfounded.

5. One single database will not provide all the answers you need.
I've had a paid subscription of some sort to Ancestry.com since 2002, and for those first few years, that was the only online database I used to research my family history. It wasn't long, though, before I discovered genealogical treasure troves like FamilySearch, the *USGenWeb* sites, *MyHeritage*, *FindMyPast*, *Internet Archive*, the *National Archives*, *GenealogyBank*, and on and on and on!

6. You will make mistakes in your research.
And these mistakes will take you down rabbit holes and they will eat up a lot of your research time. But — and this is a big ol' BUT — you will learn from every single mistake you make.

7. You will hit brick walls.
All genealogists have at least one ancestor who has confounded them. Eventually, you will come to a person who seems to have disappeared from history too.

8. Technology doesn't solve every genealogical problem.
Don't get us wrong, technological innovations over the past 30 years or so have revolutionized genealogical research – but they're not the only tools you have.

9. Original records will contain errors.
As much as we'd like to hope that our ancestors' names will be consistently spelled only one way, that their number of children will never vary, that a probate record will read exactly like the will it supposedly quotes, or that a birth date will be accurate on a death certificate — these things simply don't always happen.

10. You are never "done" tracing your roots.
If only we old-timers had a quarter for every time, we heard someone say, "Oh, yeah, my Aunt Bessie did our genealogy," or "I've already finished my family tree." We would have enough money to pay lifetimes subscriptions to all the genealogy databases and fund several trips to our home countries!

Family History Daily has been helping researchers like you uncover their roots since 2013.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood in all forms. It is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, May 14. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts. Mother's Day recognizes the mother-type of influence in people's lives.

National Teacher Appreciation Day

Since 1984, Teacher Appreciation Week has occurred during the first full week of May each year, with National Teacher Day occurring on the Tuesday of that week. However, this year, Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated from May 8, 2023 – May 12, 2023.

Teachers can make such a great impact on our lives, inspiring and guiding us toward knowledge and growth. As we celebrate National Teachers Appreciation Day in 2023, it's important to recognize the incredible contributions that educators make every day.

National Nurses Week - You Make A Difference

National Nurses Day is held annually on May 6 which marks the beginning of National Nurses Week. The day is to recognize the contribution nurses make to our world and to provide thanks. National Nurses week ends on May 12th which is the birthday of the original founder of modern nursing Florence Nightingale.

The impact nurses make on health care is unparalleled. The American Nurses Association is kicking off its annual month-long celebration that allows for greater opportunities to promote understanding and appreciation of the invaluable contributions of nurses! Nurses bring vast knowledge and expertise to every health care setting across a wide range of specialties, serving patients and communities throughout the continuum of life and care. Nurses truly make a difference by influencing and shaping health policy decisions.

Armed Forces Day

Unlike Veterans Day (previously observed as Armistice Day - the end of World War I), which honors those who wore the cloth of our nation at war; and unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who died wearing the cloth of our nation at war, **Armed Forces Day is the proper day to honor all of the men and women currently serving, as well as those who have served and sacrificed to defend our freedom.**

Armed Forces Day was created on August 31, 1949, by then-Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the Armed Forces' unification under one Department of Defense by then-President Harry S. Truman when he signed the National Security Act into law on July 26, 1947.

Peace Officers Memorial Day

Peace Officers Memorial Day is held annually in the United States on May 15 in honor of federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. It is observed in conjunction with Police Week.

Many businesses and community members across the nation, especially those who lost family members, friends or colleagues who were local officers, will lower their flags in remembrance of the law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Some police departments hold an annual law enforcement memorial ceremony on this day.

Each year, the Fraternal Order of Police and its Auxiliary organizes a national memorial service on the day, drawing thousands of people from many parts of the United States. The service is followed by the placement of a memorial wreath at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC. On this day, people are also reminded of the need to be vigilant against all forms of crime.

This does not explain all of the dates listed on page 4, but these are very important dates to remember

Old Hillbilly Wisdom:

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks, bankers, and politicians at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll find the time to do it twice.
- Don't corner something that is meaner than you.
- Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- Don't be banging your shin on a stool that's not in the way.
- Borrowing trouble from the future doesn't deplete the supply.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and most of that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Most times, it just gets down to common sense.

Editor's Column – See You in September

Your editor has been a busy person regarding genealogy this month. I have attended several meetings for the good of the Society (I hope). There was one failure on my part though – the woman who was to speak to SCGS about the Danish Museum has decided to pursue another career path so she couldn't speak to us and a replacement has not been found yet. In place of this speaker, Gwenna Jacobson and Dick Cooper were asked to give presentations on the 1950 Census and Find-A-Grave respectively. Fortunately, we were able to fill in the vacancy.

I guess maybe I have become a "resident expert" on Find-A-Grave because I was asked to give a PowerPoint presentation on the subject at the Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library for the Ankeny Genealogical group. Beautiful, relatively new building – lots of books!!!

I guess by now you have noticed that I have listed explanations of a few of the select dates in my list of dates on page 4. Following is the text at the bottom of the page explaining these important dates - **This does not explain all of the dates listed on page 4, but these are very important dates to remember.**

I believe that SCGS is heading in the right direction because the board is already planning into 2024 for Genealogy Plus meetings and now we are starting on Monday night meeting presentations. Note the one in November that will be a book presentation by members. Bring your favorite book and let's talk about it.

The Ames History Museum will have its final presentation in the Lecture Series about Ames history. Go to the Ames Public Library website at: Ames History Museum Lecture Series | Ames Public Library to discover all of the topics that are connected with the Ames Public Library and the Ames History Museum. (To reach **any** link in this newsletter, press and hold the Control [CTRL] button on your keyboard and then move your mouse pointer to the link and click the mouse on the link and you will be connected).

Okay, there have been so many good articles from everyone that there wasn't room for a joke in other issues – let's start the summer with a little humor!!!!!

Dick

BE PREPARED

On Wednesday, May 17th 2023 SCGS members will have an opportunity to visit the Iowa State Historical Society on East Locust in Des Moines. Have your search requirements ready to go. If you have any questions, attend to a meeting and ask them. Remember that the entrance that we will be using is on E Grand (north side of the building).

Have all of your search items ready – who or what you want to search for. Also, please print the State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) guidelines at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z3CVTfa0xv21k4nWGgUR96pavOUx7gcR/view

Please remember your mother or anyone who gives you motherly guidance and advise

I couldn't afford an Ancestry DNA kit. So, I announced I had won the lottery and soon found out who all my relatives were.

An elderly woman was walking her dog when a young man grabbed her purse and ran away. I asked if she was okay. She smiled and said that it's really no big deal because she carries her old purse to put her dog's poop in it until she gets home to dispose of it.

Trees & Shrubs In Iowa - SCGS Word Search

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

ASH	CEDAR	DOGWOOD	HICKORY	PINE
ASPEN	CHERRY	ELM	IRONWOOD	PLUM
BASSWOOD	COFFEETREE	HACKBERRY	LOCUST	ROSE
BIRCH	COTTONWOOD	HAWTHORN	MAPLE	SUMAC
BUCKEYE	CRANBERRY	HAZELNUT	NANNYBERRY	SYCAMORE

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President's Message

I had a Hope everyone had a good summer. It always goes by too quickly. Did everyone get to do some extra research or do a genealogy trip? There are some great presentations planned for the upcoming year. If you want to know more, please check the website. Will be really good to see everyone. Really good summer as far as info on my husband's family history.

First: started off finding a Will of a Great Aunt and finding my father-in-law and his brother listed as beneficiaries. They were included in a list of 37. So of course, I had to know more about this person. Did some searching and couldn't find much of anything about this person which seemed strange as in the Will - she had a farm and a house in Montour. Mary helped me and she got hold of a relative of the husband. Don't know if I will be finding out much more about this couple but have at least a contact who is willing to help and knows more about the town of Montour.

Second: Tom's cousin on his paternal side of the family visited and we got to talking about family history and found out she had been given a history of the family from a person who had been working on this project for a long time. She made a copy and sent to me and what a treasure.

Third: - Another cousin visited and brought what he had on Tom's maternal side of the family. This cousin had been promising to bring this info for many years so really excited to get this. There has been much searching and discussion on where a Great Grandfather entered the US from Luxembourg. There are mostly written letters back and forth - but still very interesting. Everyone thinks he came thru New Orleans, but no documentation. Still haven't made any big discoveries yet.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday September 11, 2023
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
"Raising the Roof: Expanding the Ames History Museum"
See Page 3 for more

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday September 20, 2023
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Genealogy 101
See Page 3 for more

Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday September 27, 2023
10:AM – Noon
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Story County Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023
In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:39 p.m. with 9 people participating via Zoom and 11 people attended in person.

Nancy introduced this evening's guest speaker, Alex Fejfar, Ames History Museum Exhibit Manager. He spoke on the subject of **Black Trailblazers**. Here is a brief recap. They were:

1. **George Washington Carver**: He became Iowa State's first Black student and, later, its first Black faculty member. He graduated from ISU in Science and Agriculture in 1894. Earned his MS in 1896. He eventually moved his research to what was then the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Feb. 1, 2023 was the first George Washington Carver Day in Iowa. He died in 1943.
2. **Willa Juanita Ewing**: She was the first woman of color to graduate from Ames High School and Iowa State. She received her BS in Horticulture in 1926 and went on to receive an MS in Horticulture in 1935.
3. **Walter Garfield Madison**: Born in 1888 and one of the first African American students to graduate from Iowa State and was the first to receive a degree in mechanical engineering when he graduated in 1914. He graduated with a diploma in steam engineering from Alabama's Tuskegee Institute in 1906. Madison filed a patent for a "flying machine" in 1910 and in 1912 he was granted the patent. During his time in Ames - he helped in the construction of sections of the city's sewer system as part of a major public works project in 1916 and 1917. He is also credited with writing part of the first Iowa Plumbing Code.
4. **Nancy Angeline Chandler & Archie Addison Martin:** Arrived in Ames 1913. They were advocates for black ISU students, who at that time were not allowed to stay on Campus. Archie and three of his sons built a house at 218 Lincoln Way about 1919. It still stands today. Many of the other homes along Lincoln Way have since been replaced by businesses. The upper floor served as a rooming house for black students. Perhaps 20-some students lived and dined with the Martins at one time or another. The Martin's lived out their lives in this home. In 2007, the Martin House was registered as an Historic Landmark by the Ames Historic Preservation Commission. Archie Martin died in 1960 at the age of 102.
5. **Nellie & John Shipp**: Female students of color were welcomed into the nearby home of John and Nellie Shipp at 118 Sherman Avenue. The Shipp's daughter Mildred married Hubert Crouch, a student who stayed at the Martin home. Crouch later became the first African American awarded a doctorate in biological sciences at Iowa State University. For over a century, the Martin-Shipp families have retained ownership of the home. In honor of the Martins, the Iowa Board of Regents approved renaming Iowa State University *Suite 2* residence hall in the Union Drive neighborhood to *Archie and Nancy Martin Hall*. Additionally, the Martins and their home are commemorated with a brick pier at 5th Street and Burnett Avenue in Downtown Ames.
6. **Jack (John) Trice**: Born in Ohio 1902. Married Starland 1922. Trice was an Iowa State student of animal husbandry and a member of the Cyclone football and track and field teams. He suffered severe injuries in his second collegiate football game and died in Ames on Oct. 8, 1923. He was 21. In the summer before Trice's sophomore year, he eloped with Cora Mae Starland. He was 20. She was 15. The couple lied about her age and listed 19 on their marriage certificate. Questions surfaced about whether the Minnesota players intentionally tried to hurt Trice because of his race. Reports at the time varied. Iowa State didn't renew its contract to play Minnesota for 66 years; the teams finally faced each other again at Iowa State in 1989. Trice is the namesake of the university's football stadium, the only one at the nation's major college football schools to be named for a Black man.

Ames History Museum general Information: Beginning May 21, 2023, the Ames History Museum building will be temporarily closed until the expanded museum opens in summer 2024. The last lecture by the AHM will be May 24 live-streamed at the Ames Public Library in the Rotary Room. This will be an online meeting only. Please visit the Ames History Museum website for further lecture details and links. **Everyone thanked Alex for a very informative and interesting lecture.**

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Minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting were approved as printed in the SCGS Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the April 2023 treasurer's report. There were no questions or concerns. The report will be filed for audit.

Jolene Webber, VP Membership, reported current membership is 72.

Malvina Lutz, Librarian, still waiting for the six books submitted and accepted by the APL to be catalogued for public access. Malvina has 3 new books for next year's submission. She will continue to look for 2-3 additional books for 2024.

Mary Lohr, Web Manager, and Lyle Hammes, VP Programming – plans are progressing nicely with the September/October classes.

Nancy reminded all of the May 17, 2023, trip to the State Historical Society, Research Center, located at 600 East Locust, 2nd floor. Elevators are not available. Meet in the lobby at 10:00 a.m. Free parking available across the street from the Iowa Genealogy Society. Get your questions ready! Please review a few rules for the State Historical Society at this link: https://iowaculture.gov/history/research/research-centers

June 3 during Scandinavian Days in Story City, the LDS church will be open for anyone wanting to learn more about genealogy. The LDS church would like 3-5 people to volunteer to come with their computers and spend time helping peopled discover genealogy more. A portal will be available. Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m. Mary, Dick, and Gwenna have stated they will most likely be able to attend.

Iowa Genealogical Society is asking for many volunteers to help them enter data into an excel spreadsheet relative to their manuscript collection project. A planning meeting will be held May 15, 10:30 a.m., led by Michelle McClure. If you have questions call 515-360-9573.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday September 11, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 PM

Raising the Roof

The Ames History Museum's expansion project includes restoration of the historic Ames Pantorium, renovation of the museum building at the corner of 5th and Douglas, and a small addition to the east. **The Making History Capital** Campaign provides:

- Preservation and restoration of the Ames Pantorium building and its historical and architectural significance
- Welcoming and unique gathering spaces for community use
- Five times the current exhibit gallery space with a focus on active learning and discovery for all ages, creating a travel destination in downtown Ames
- Room to house and care for artifacts and archival materials on-site, allowing for the preservation of local history for future generations
- The Luminary Women initiative recognizes women who have impacted the Ames community through volunteer work, behind-the-scenes efforts, and giving of their time and talents expecting no recognition

Programs and activities will continue while the museum is closed.

Presenter: Lynette Spicer

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday September 20, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
10:00 AM – Noon

The Ames Public Library and the Story County Genealogical Society will offer Genealogy 101, a two-hour beginning genealogy class. In this session we'll cover the basics of beginning your genealogical research, recording and analyzing information.
Other topics covered as time permits.
This class is for beginners and experienced researchers.
No registration is needed.
Genealogy 102, a follow-up session will be held October 18
You can attend one or both classes.

Virtual Genealogy 101 Class will be held via Zoom on September 28th – No registration needed

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday September 27, 2023
10 Am - Noon

Genealogy Help session- no appointment needed.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

September – National Preparedness Month
September – National Wilderness Month
September 4 – Labor Day (short article on page 8)
September 7 – Brazil Independence Day
September 9 – Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day
September 9 – Native American Day (DE)
September 9 – California Admission Day (CA)
September 10 – National Grandparents Day
September 11 – First Responders Day (NC)
September 11 – Patriot Day (AK)
September 11 – Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance
September 11-17 – National Staffing Employee Week
September 15 – First Day of National Hispanic Heritage Month
September 16 – Mexico Independence Day
September 17 – Constitution and Citizenship Day
September 17 – Constitution Commemoration Day
September 18 – Air Force Birthday
September 22 – Emancipation Day (OH)
September 22 – Native American Day (CA, NV)
September 22 – Michigan Indian Day (MI)
September 23 – Public Lands Day (WY)
September 23 – National Public Lands Day
September 23 – September Equinox
September 24 – Gold Star Mother's Day
September 25 – American Indian Day (TN)
September 29 – American Indian Heritage Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

LATER…

I did not write this and I'm not sure who did - but WOW does it speak to my heart!!! Worth the read. Don't wait to read it later…!
Barely the day started and... it's already the evening.
Barely arrived on Monday and its already Friday.
... and the month is already over.
... and the year is almost over.
... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.
... and we realize that we lost our parents, friends.
and we realize it's too late to go back...
So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time...
Let's keep looking for activities that we like...
Let's put some color in our grey...
Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.
And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the afters...
I'm doing it after...
I'll say after...
I'll think about it after...
We leave everything for later like "after" is ours.
Because what we don't understand is that:
Afterwards, the coffee gets cold...
Afterwards, priorities change...
Afterwards, the charm is broken...
Afterwards, health passes...
Afterwards, the kids grow up...
Afterwards, parents get old...
Afterwards, promises are forgotten...
Afterwards, the day becomes the night...
Afterwards, life ends...
And then it's often too late....
So... Let's leave nothing for later...
Because still waiting see you later, we can lose the best moments,
the best experiences,
best friends,
the best family...
The day is today... The moment is now...
We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.
So, let's see if you have time to read this message and then share it.
Or maybe you'll leave it for... "later"...
And you'll never share it....

Books – More Genealogy Information

The annual meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Following this usually brief meeting, we'll move on ...

In November, let's talk books! When did SCGS begin having a book club, you may ask? Well, we really haven't had one until now. We like as many of you as are willing to bring your favorite genealogy-related book(s) to give a three to five minute "report" on it. Let everyone know what made the book notable or helpful for you. How did you find out about it? Who is the author? Where can other people find the book?

These books can be of any type: long, short, fiction, non-fiction. It doesn't even have to be a published book. If it's something you've created or compiled, come tell us about it! The book club reports should simply have to do with genealogy, family history, or history in general. They're all fair (and fun) to share. Now ... get to reading!

Editor's Note: If you are wondering where you can find a book on genealogy or genealogy related information, go to any website and you will probably find options for many books, unless you already have some books yourself.

WANT TO FEEL OLD?
Bonanza premiered 62 yrs ago.
The Beatles split 52 yrs ago.
Laugh-In premiered nearly 54 yrs ago.
The Wizard of Oz is 82 yrs old.
Elvis is dead 44 yrs. He'd be 84 today.
The Thriller video is 38 yrs old.
Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin dead 51 yrs.
John Lennon dead 41 yrs.
Mickey Mantle retired 53 yrs ago.
Back To The Future is 37 yrs old.
Saturday Night Fever is 44 yrs old.
The Ed Sullivan Show ended 49 yrs ago.
The Brady Bunch premiered 52 years ago.
The triplets on My Three Sons are 52.
Tabatha from Bewitched is 57.
The Corvette turned 68 this year'
The Mustang is 57.

Baby Boomer Fun Events Online 9560

Genealogy 101-102 Sessions Planned for September and October

by Mary J. Lohr

Genealogy Plus is back but in a revamped format: a genealogy class that will offer the basics of researching your ancestry.

Genealogy 101 will be Wednesday, September 20 at 10 AM at the Ames Public Library. Topics covered will be the basics of beginning your genealogical research, recording, and analyzing information. Other topics covered as time permits.

Genealogy 102, a follow-up session, will be held October 18 at 10 AM. This session will deal with using vital records and the census for research.

These classes are for beginners *and* experienced researchers. No registration is needed for either session.

You may attend one or both classes.

Can't attend the daytime sessions? There's a solution for that-- the same content will be covered in Zoom evening sessions: **Genealogy 101** on Thursday, September 28 at 7 PM and **Genealogy 102** on Thursday, October 25 at 7 PM. (Look for the Zoom link on the Ames Public Library website calendar).

And there's more: a help session at the Ames Public Library on Wednesday, September 27 at 10 AM and also via Zoom Thursday, October 5 at 7 PM.

All the above information is also on the SCGS website (www.storygenes.com) on the Events page.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.
TEACHER: What are you talking about?
DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.
(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
HAROLD: A teacher.

Iowa in the Civil War

Malvina Lutz, SCGS Librarian

Do you have an ancestor who fought in the Civil War? Have you done some genealogy research on them, regiments, battlefields fought in? You may be interested in an upcoming two session lecture class about **Iowa in the Civil War** offered by **OLLI at ISU** (Osher Lifelong Learning at Iowa State University).

In 1861, Iowa had been a state for only 14 years when Abraham Lincoln called for the formation of an Iowa regiment, and there was no shortage of volunteers. By the war's end, Iowa had sent a greater proportion of its men to fight than any other state. This two-part lecture class will follow the journey of a few of those men through training and on to battlefields at Shiloh, Vicksburg, and Atlanta.

The lecture presenter will be Jane Cox. Her great-great-grandfather from Iowa fought in the Civil War for the Union. She has visited many Civil War battlefields, and also wrote a play called "Love and Honor" about Iowa soldiers in the Civil War.

This two-session lecture class will be presented on Tuesday Oct. 24 and Tuesday Oct. 31, 2023 at 1:00 - 2:30 pm. It is offered as a Hybrid class with in-person attendance at the ISU Alumni Center **or** by Zoom. Anyone 50+ can sign up for this class. A great way to learn with no tests! Cost for this two-session lecture class is $40.00.

Check out this class and the OLLI Fall 2023 catalog at https://olli.iastate.edu . The page will bring up a clickable link to view the full catalog, and a clickable link to register for the Iowa in the Civil War lecture class and any other classes of interest.

This sounds like a very informative lecture about a soldier's life during the Civil War whether volunteering from the state of Iowa or other states that fought for the Union army.

Editor's Note: This should be a very informative lecture series. This article is not the first time that I have read about Iowa taking a very active part in volunteering in the Civil War. Maybe there are more Civil War stories from other SCGS members also.

SCGS Activity Recap

Summer is winding down, but the Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) activities are ramping up for the 2022-2024 year. Regular meetings will resume on the second Monday at 6:30 PM at the Ames Public Library, both in-person and virtually via Zoom. On September 11 SCGS member Lynette Spicer will present a program on the expansion of the Ames History Museum.

Genealogy Plus returns with a revamped program of Genealogy 101 on the third Wednesday, September 20 at 10 AM. This will be an introduction to genealogy covering the basics of beginning your genealogical research, recording and analyzing information.

Other topics will be covered as time permits.

This class is for both beginners and experienced researchers.

The October 18 Genealogy Plus will be Genealogy 102 and will cover vital records and the census.

And the content of both Genealogy 101 and 102 will be presented via evening Zoom sessions on September 28 and October 26.

We're also bringing back the help sessions on the fourth Wednesday!

No registration is required for any of these events and they are all free!

You can check the website at storygenes.com for complete details!

Have you read any good genealogy books lately? The November 13 meeting, which is also the annual meeting, will feature members sharing books that inspired, helped, or entertained us.

(Fun fact: some of the most interesting books involve your ancestors!)

Looking forward to see you soon!

Mary J. Lohr, SCGS Web Manager

More About Books

Malvina Lutz, SCGS Librarian

The newly purchased genealogy research books by SCGS/APL have been put out on the shelves. All can now be checked out in the adult non-fiction area at the Ames Public Library:

1) **American Migration Routes, Vol. I - Indian Paths, Post Roads & Wagon Roads**,
by William Dollarhide
911.73 DOL 2022

2) **American Migration Routes: Part II - Stagecoach, Steamboat, Canal & Early Railroad Routes**
by William Dollarhide
911.73 DOL 2022

3) **Finding Your Ancestors for Free: Your Guide to the Best Online Genealogy Archives, Collections, and Websites**
by Kenneth Marks
929.1 MAR 2022

4) **DNA for Native American Genealogy**
by Roberta Estes
929.1 EST 2021

5) **My Best Genealogy Tips: Quick Keys to Research Ancestry**
by Robin Foster
929.1 FOS 2021

6) **Tracing Your Scottish Family on the Internet: A Guide for Family Historians**
by Chris Paton
929.1 PAT 2020

"I'm just goin' out in the backyard, Mommy, not to the North Pole!"

Teacher:	How old is your father?
Kid:	He is 6 years.
Teacher:	What? How is that possible
Kid:	He became father only when I was born.

Teacher:	Maria, go to the map and find North America
Maria:	Here it is.
Teacher:	Correct. Now, class, who discovered America?
Class:	Maria

Teacher:	Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?
Glenn:	K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L
Teacher:	No, that's wrong
Glenn:	Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

United States Air Force Brief History

The official Air Force Birthday is recognized as Sept. 18, 1947, which is the date of the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. That legislation created what would later become to known as the United States Department of Defense. This established the United States Air Force as a separate branch of military service. The 75th Air Force Day will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2023.

Before the creation of the Air Force, the military's flying operations were handled by the U.S. Army on land and the Navy by sea. The history of this branch of service is an important part of the history of air power in the United States. Naturally, the Air Force birthday owes a great deal to Orville and Wilbur Wright who pioneered mechanized flight with their successful mission in 1903.

Enter the U.S. Army Signal Corps

When Thaddeus S. C. Lowe was named chief of the Union Army Balloon Corps, the long march to a separate Air Force began. The Army had several units dedicated to military flying over from the year 1907 to 1914. The timeline of Army aviation includes the following pre-Air Force organizations:

• Aeronautical Division, Signal Corps (August 1907 – July 1914)
• Aviation Section, Signal Corps (July 1914 – May 1918)
• Division of Military Aeronautics (May 1918 – May 1918)
• Air Service, U.S. Army (May 1918 – July 1926)
• U.S. Army Air Corps (July 1926 – June 1941)
• U.S. Army Air Forces (June 1941 – September 1947)

More information at: Happy 75th Birthday to the United States Air Force | Council on Foreign Relations (cfr.org)

10 Facts About the September Equinox

By Aparna Kher

On September 23, 2023, the day and night are almost equal in most locations. Here are 10 facts about the first day of astronomical fall (autumn) in the Northern Hemisphere.

1. **Second Equinox of the Year**
2. **Say Goodbye to Summer...**
3. **And Welcome Spring**
4. **A Moment in Time**
5. **The Date Varies**
6. **Equal Day and Night...**
7. **...But Not Quite**
8. **Shorter Time Between Moonrises**
9. **Prepare for Northern Lights**
10. **Celebrated Around the World**

You can find out much, much more information about the Equinox by clicking on: September Equinox Holidays and Traditions (timeanddate.com)

What Is Labor Day?

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as **Labor Day Weekend**.

Old Occupations in Genealogy #1 - SCGS Word Search

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Editor's Column

Welcome back from summer and another edition of the now-famous newsletter from SCGS. Please note this issue contains a lot of interesting subject matter – some changes for the betterment of SCGS and all of its membership. Please note that SCGS is focusing on books lately. After all, this is a good place to find genealogy information.
Sorry I'm late with this issue but after 3 months of not writing a newsletter, I became a little rusty – Oh Well!!!
Dick

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President's Message

September sure has been a great start for SCGS. We started out learning about the plans for the new Ames History Museum from Lynette and Genealogy Plus was our first class of Genealogy 101.

Mary Lohr started us out with tips and good to know facts about genealogy research and Kyle Solberg led us into many places and ways to do genealogy. As far as organizing your genealogy, need to do what works for you. He also answered all the questions asked by those in attendance.

We had some new people and some faces we had seen before. It was good to have a Help Session again. Genealogists are always willing to help others with their brick walls, questions and just hear someone else's family story. October and the rest of the year are going to be just as good. So come and join us whenever you can.

Nancy

Books – More Genealogy Information

The annual meeting of SCGS will be Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Following this usually brief meeting, we'll move on ...

If you will please go to the SCGS website Events page: www.storygenes.com/events you will find more details about the books that will be needed for the November 13th meeting.

Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Thursday October 5, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Via Zoom

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday October 9, 2023
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
"Naturalization and Immigration Records"

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday October 18, 2023
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Genealogy 102

Genealogy Help Session (Zoom)
October 25, 2023
10:00 am – noon – No appointment needed

Genealogy 102
October 26, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Virtual class held via Zoom

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Story County Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023
In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:35 p.m. with 7 people participating via Zoom and 10 people attended in person.

Nancy started our meeting this evening by reading a commemorative summary of September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks by a member of the SCGS who was there. Approximately 3,000 people were killed that affected 3 separate locations, New York City, Washington, DC and outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting were approved as printed in the SCGS Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the August 2023 treasurer's report. August was a very slow month with no income, and no expenses. There were no questions or concerns. The report will be filed for audit.

Malvina Lutz, Librarian, reported that the books jointly purchased by the Ames Public Library and SCGS are on the library shelves. Malvina is now actively looking for new books for 2024. Dick Cooper asked "how close do the books have to be related to genealogy?" Malvina answered by stating they don't necessarily have to be that close. She suggested to forward the proposed book(s) to her and she will review for inclusion.

Nancy reminded that group of the upcoming Genealogy Plus (101) scheduled for September 20 at the APL, 10:00 a.m. The meeting can also be attended via Zoom. This meeting will be a two-hour beginning genealogy class covering the basics of beginning your genealogical research, recording and analyzing information. This class is for beginners and experienced researchers. No registration is needed. Genealogy Plus (102), a follow-up session will be held October 18. Feel free to attend one or both sessions. These sessions are also on the APL website. Megan Klein-Hewett has worked up a brochure for Genealogy Plus. Mary Lohr will put on the SCGS website.

Nancy shared that the Hamilton Heritage Hunters will host a genealogy workshop on Saturday, September 23, at the Stanhope Community Center, 600 Main St., Stanhope, Iowa. Time: 9:30 registration. Programs begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. Bring your own brown-bag lunch and laptops. Beverage and snacks provided. Topics: "*Collecting Your DNA Family Members*" by Dennis Allen and Cris Nagla. Also "*Ancestry DNA – Sorting Out Your Cousins*" by Sharon Cline.

Nancy then introduced tonight's speaker, Lynette Spicer, President of the Board at the Ames History Museum. She will vacate that position at the end of 2023.
Ames Historical Society (AHM) strives to engage their diverse public and provide unique opportunities to learn about Ames, Iowa history. AHM carries out their mission by staffing the Ames History Museum where archives, artifacts collections, exhibits, and research assistance are available; providing tours, programs, publications, and extensive website; operating an 1860s one-room schoolhouse museum, Hoggatt School. Ames History Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1980 as Ames Heritage Association. AHM founder was Ames historian, Farwell T. Brown, whose historical writings and research have inspired residents to appreciate and preserve the history of Ames. The AHM is currently closed for renovation. They have purchased (in 2021) what was Ames Pantorium and will now be part of the AHM. They plan to re-open the summer of 2024. There is a need for contributions. Please contact Executive Director, Casie Vance.
Activities by the AHM include:

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- Preserve Ames History
- Provide reference service
- Maintain a website
- Operate a one-room school museum
- Publish a quarterly newsletter for members
- Provide photos to the Ames Tribune
- Create exhibits
- Present programs
- Host events
- Educate youth
- Cooperate with other cultural organizations
- Sell publications and gift

AHM appreciates your memberships and donations, which form 63% of their annual operating budget.
Other funding sources include support from the City of Ames and Story County (22% of our annual budget), grants and endowment (5%), and earned income from services, gift shop, and building maintenance (10%).

AHM also publishes on their website, a calendar of events: Don't miss out on what they offer. https://ameshistory.org/calendar.

Ames History Museum has a lot to offer to the community. Please visit their website. https://ameshistory.org/content/about-ames-history-museum.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

October is Family History Month

Family History Month is celebrated every October. It is a terrific opportunity to enhance your genealogy abilities, learn about new resources, and meet people who share your interest in the past. Explore the local library and genealogical society to find out what events are taking place in your area. If you don't have time to attend a Family History Month event, there are plenty of ways to commemorate the holiday by working on your family history at home.

Source: https://nationaltoday.com/family-history-month

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Thursday October 5, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Via Zoom

Story County Genealogical Society

Monday October 9, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 PM

Theresa will explain how naturalization and immigration records can be used for genealogical research.

Presenter: Theresa McCormick Liewer

Genealogy Plus

Wednesday October 18, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
10:00 AM – Noon

Genealogy 102 is a continuation of Genealogy 101 held in September. This session will deal with using vital records and the census for research. Other topics covered as time permits.

Genealogy Help Session (Zoom)

October 25, 2023
10:00 am – noon
No appointment needed – via Zoom

Virtually Genealogy Plus #102

Thursday October 26, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

This will be presented via Zoom and will cover the same material as the October 18 program.

(Attendance at the prior session is NOT required!)

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

October 2023 – Italian-American Heritage & Culture Month
October 2023 - National Disability Employment Awareness Month
October 2023 – National Energy Awareness Month
October 2023 – Family History Month
October 2 – Frances Xavier Cabrini Day (CO)
October 2 – Child Health Day
October 6 – German American Day
October 8 – Chicago Marathon (Tentative)
October 9 - Leif Erikson Day
October 9 – Columbus Day (Federal & TN)
October 9 – Fraternal Day (AL)
October 9 – Yorktown Victory Day (VA)
October 9 – Discovers' Day (HI)
October 9 – Native American Day (OK & SD)
October 9 – Indigenous People's Day (28 states)
October 9 – Indigenous People's Day (MI & MN)
October 9 – Indigenous Peoples Day (DC-ME-NE-NM)
October 9 – American Indian Heritage Day (AL)
October 11 – Casimir Pulaski Day (MA, MI, RI)
October 13 – Navy Birthday
October 14 – Robert E Lee's Birthday (AR)
October 15 – White Cane Safety Day
October 16 – Boss's Day
October 18 – Alaska Day (AK)
October 21 – Sweetest Day (13 states)
October 27 – Nevada Day (NV)
October 31 - Halloween

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday
NOVEMBER 5, 2023.
So, everyone should be aware that soon after the end of October, you will need to change your time for the Winter.

United States Navy Birthday

On October 13, 1775, the United States Navy was established. The day is celebrated as the birthdate of the American Navy.

Naval Celebration
The day is mainly celebrated by personnel, veterans, or other people related to the navy. Usually, it is marked with a Navy Birthday Ball with a formal dinner, birthday cake, and entertainment.

Pirate Problem
The United States Navy originated over 240 years ago as the Continental Navy. The then Continental Congress authorized 2 armed vessels to search for ships supplying the British army with weapons and ammunition during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783).

When the war ended, the Continental Navy was dismantled, but pirate threats to American merchant shipping led President George Washington to establish the Naval Act of 1794, creating a permanent standing US Navy.

US Navy Today
The United States Navy is the naval warfare branch of the US Armed Forces. It has more than 300,000 personnel on active duty and 100,000 personnel in the Navy Reserve.

More Navy information can be found at: Navy Birthday 2023 in the United States (timeanddate.com)

SCGS Happenings

Southern California Genealogical Society,
not Story County

They are having their 53rd Conference.
It is called jamboFREE 2023

Hybrid-Online and In-Person at the SCGS Library and the Masonic Lodge across the street

October – 6-8
Keynote Speaker: Michael D Lacopo, DVM
Presenting
Cherishing Your family Inheritance

There is a fee involved.

They will also have Consulting and jamboFREE available

Many other speakers will be on their list also.

Topics such as:

- Around the World in 20 Billion Records
- Colonial Currency
- German Research for Those Who Don't Read German
- Ireland Using American Records
- Italian Genealogical Research
- General Research Techniques
- U.S. Naturalization
- British Isles
- French-Canadian & Canada
- Jewish Round Tables
- German Round Tables
- Portuguese Round Tables
- Italian Round Tables
- Hispanic Round Tables
- African American Round Tables
- Chinese Round Tables
- And many more

Genealogy 101-102 Sessions Planned for September and October

by Mary J. Lohr

Genealogy Plus is back but in a revamped format: a genealogy class that will offer the basics of researching your ancestry.

Genealogy 101 will be Wednesday, September 20 at 10 AM at the Ames Public Library. Topics covered will be the basics of beginning your genealogical research, recording, and analyzing information. Other topics covered as time permits.

Genealogy 102, a follow-up session, will be held October 18 at 10 AM. This session will deal with using vital records and the census for research.

These classes are for beginners *and* experienced researchers. No registration is needed for either session.

You may attend one or both classes.

Can't attend the daytime sessions? There's a solution for that-- the same content will be covered in Zoom evening sessions: **Genealogy 101** on Thursday, September 28 at 7 PM and **Genealogy 102** on Thursday, October 25 at 7 PM. (Look for the Zoom link on the Ames Public Library website calendar).

And there's more: a help session at the Ames Public Library on Wednesday, September 27 at 10 AM and also via Zoom Thursday, October 5 at 7 PM.

All the above information is also on the SCGS website (www.storygenes.com) on the Events page.

Signs You Might Be a Genealogist:

by Mary J. Lohr

You can name a lot of your ancestors-- even the dates of birth and death-- but you struggle to recall what you had for lunch yesterday.

Your computer desktop has more images of census records and tombstones than anything else.

You get slightly annoyed if these words are misspelled: genealogy, descendant, cemetery.

You give directions based on the location of a cemetery or courthouse.

You stifle your urge not to work genealogy into every conversation (because everyone *should* be interested in their ancestry, right?)

You like talking with other genealogists because their eyes don't glaze over when you talk about your ancestors.

You brake for cemeteries.

When you drive past a cemetery, your family asks you if you are going to stop there.

You send pictures to your relatives of yourself by the tombstone of your common ancestor.

You are researching online and in just 15 minutes several hours have passed.

FamilySearch, Ancestry, Find A Grave and BillionGraves are household words in your family.

Even if a person is a seventh or eighth cousin, you still consider them a relative.

You'll probably quit researching your ancestry when you find just **one** more set of parents. *(Said no genealogist, ever!)*

If you were granted one wish, it would be for the restoration of the 1890 US census.

Friends and acquaintances stop you in the grocery store to relate their latest genealogy discovery.

You belong to your local genealogical society!

You can identify with at least some of the above.

SCGS Activity Recap

Summer is winding down, but the Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) activities are ramping up for the 2022-2024 year. Regular meetings will resume on the second Monday at 6:30 PM at the Ames Public Library, both in-person and virtually via Zoom. On September 11 SCGS member Lynette Spicer will present a program on the expansion of the Ames History Museum.

Genealogy Plus returns with a revamped program of Genealogy 101 on the third Wednesday, September 20 at 10 AM. This will be an introduction to genealogy covering the basics of beginning your genealogical research, recording and analyzing information.

Other topics will be covered as time permits.

This class is for both beginners and experienced researchers.

The October 18 Genealogy Plus will be Genealogy 102 and will cover vital records and the census.

And the content of both Genealogy 101 and 102 will be presented via evening Zoom sessions on September 28 and October 26.

We're also bringing back the help sessions on the fourth Wednesday!

No registration is required for any of these events and they are all free!

You can check the website at storygenes.com for complete details!

Have you read any good genealogy books lately? The November 13 meeting, which is also the annual meeting, will feature members sharing books that inspired, helped, or entertained us.

(Fun fact: some of the most interesting books involve your ancestors!)

Looking forward to see you soon!

Mary J. Lohr, SCGS Web Manager

Website Review: ldsgenealogy.com

by Mary J. Lohr

Recently a lesser-known website has caught my attention: ldsgenealogy.com

The name might suggest the website is affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but there is a disclaimer on each page stating: *"This site is privately owned and is not an official site of FamilySearch International or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS)."*

The website itself is a no-frills one: no glitzy graphics or over-the-top elements, just a clean and easy to navigate site. This is a photo of the opening screen:

The five-minute video in the upper right corner provides an overview tour of the site.

The Directory portion of the website lists 1.3 million record sources from over 1,700 websites and archives. All of these are U.S. resources. I did not find any international resources on the site. The Directory is divided into genealogy sources from each of the 50 states, which are further subdivided by county, similar to the U.S. Genweb site structure. But ldsgenealoyg.com goes one step further in also adding a Cities category. In addition to this extensive list of sources, you will also find an overview of genealogy records in that state and a listing of topics (birth records, immigration records, tax records, etc.)

Most of the links provided are to free websites, although subscription websites such as Ancestry.com and MyHeritage.com are also listed.

A category in the Directory that is outstanding is the Newspapers and Obituaries containing over 177,000 links. This is a great place to start if you are trying to locate an obituary of an ancestor.

This site also features a Learning Center, accessible from the opening screen. Here you will find over 90 articles on various genealogy topics. The "Bulldozer Genealogy" title certainly sounds intriguing! Also included are 30 Brick Wall case studies. All of this is available for no charge, as in "free" which is a word we genealogists love (but can't always expect!).

And as a bonus, the website contains a tool called "Source Finder Tool." By inputting a few known facts about your challenging ancestor, a list of suggestions is generated for further research. I tried this on one of my brick wall ancestors, and while not all the suggestions were relevant, many were. (*My prediction: in the age of artificial intelligence, we're likely to see more research ideas generated this way.*)

To learn about updates, you can follow the website on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/LDSGenealogy and the blog: ldsgenealogy.com/blog/

One final comment: Like Cyndislist.com, this site is primarily the work of one person, Jeniann Nielsen. Users of ldsgenealogy.com can be very grateful for her tremendous contributions to the field of genealogical research.

European Genealogy Proverbs & Sayings

Proverbs and Sayings from blog.genealogybank.com

- "All of the Earth's treasures can't bring back a lost moment." (France)
- "An ounce of blood is worth more than a pound of friendship." (Spain)
- "Beloved children have many names." (Hungary)
- "Children act in the village as they have learned at home." (Sweden)
- "Children travel from the heart to the heart." (Sweden)
- "Closeness without conflict only exists in the cemetery." (Finland)
- "Every time history repeats itself, the price goes up." (Italy)
- "Everything goes by favor and cousinship." (France)
- "From our ancestors come our names, but from our virtues come our honors." (Latin)
- "Happy nations have no history." (Belgium).
- "He that hath no children doth bring them up well." (England)
- "He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning." (England/Old English)
- "He who teaches children learns more than they do." (Germany)
- "How did you rear so many children? By being fondest of the little ones." (Portugal)
- "If the family is together, the soul is in the right place." (Russia)
- "If nothing is going well, call your grandmother." (Italy)
- "If you want to be a hundred you must start young." (Russia)
- "Life is short, but there's a lot to be done." (Russia)
- "Man learns from the cradle to the grave." (Welsh)
- "May you never forget what is worth remembering, or remember what is best forgotten." (Ireland)
- "No matter how tall your grandfather was, you have to do your own growing." (Ireland)
- "Praise borrowed from ancestors is but very sorry praise." (Denmark)
- "The glory of ancestors should not prevent a man from winning glory for himself." (Serbia)
- "The grandson wants to remember what the father wished to forget." (Spain)
- "The Irish forgive their great men when they are safely buried." (Ireland)
- "The ones who brag most of their ancestors are unworthy of them." (Denmark)
- "The only real equality is in the cemetery." (Germany)
- "There was already twenty in the family, so my grandmother had a baby." (Spain)
- "Those who dislike cats will be carried to the cemetery in the rain." (Netherlands)
- "You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother." (Russia)

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November looks to be a very interesting month, more interesting than the other months. Genealogy 101 & 102 are very interesting because it's always good to hear from some of our members to see how they do genealogy, keep records, search, etc. We also got 5 more people that gave us their information to be on the list for the SCGS newsletter!!!!

I'll shut up now and let the newsletter do the talking.

Dick

Raising the Roof at the Ames History Museum

The Ames History Museum's expansion project includes restoration of the historic Ames Pantorium, renovation of the museum building
at the corner of 5th and Douglas, and a small addition to the east.

The Making History Capital Campaign provides:

- Preservation and restoration of the Ames Pantorium building and its historical and architectural significance
- Welcoming and unique gathering spaces for community use
- Five times the current exhibit gallery space with a focus on active learning and discovery for all ages, creating a travel destination in downtown Ames
- Room to house and care for artifacts and archival materials on-site, allowing for the preservation of local history for future generations
- The Luminary Women initiative recognizes women who have impacted the Ames community through volunteer work, behind-the-scenes efforts, and giving of their time and talents expecting no recognition

Programs and activities will continue while the museum is closed.

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President's Message

October has been a very busy month for Genealogy presentations and have learned something from each-and-every program I have attended. Now need to get everything organized and start doing some more research. I talked to my brother earlier this morning and he asked how we were related to a someone. This really makes me feel good when I can answer his questions or anyone else's as far as that goes. On another happy note, we had a fifth-grade girl visit the Museum in Gilbert this week and she was asking all kinds of questions about what she saw on display. That also makes me feel good as I know the history of the town will live on thru someone.

There are many more good programs planned for the upcoming year and hope you can attend all of them. Don't forget our Annual Meeting on November 13 where we will have our Business Meeting and then talk about the books we have read or even written and Genealogy Plus on November 15 when we will hear from Martha Grenzeback on Conquering Genealogical Distractibility Syndrome - which sounds like a very good follow up to Genealogy 101 and 102 presented in September and October. I know I always need to remind myself to stay on tract in my Genealogy Research.

Nancy

Remember
Books or Stories in November
More Genealogy

Genealogy Sharing & Help Session
Thursday November 2, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Via Zoom
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Story County Genealogical Society
Monday November 13, 2023
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom

Discuss Books & Stories about your ancestors
See Page 3

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday November 15, 2023
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom

Conquering Genealogical Distractibility Syndrome
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Conquering Genealogical Distractibility Syndrome"

by Mary J. Lohr

The series Genealogy 101 and 102 presented in September and October is now in the books.
Hopefully researchers, beginners and experienced, learned some new things. Now the fun begins (or continues) as the exploring phase proceeds. But wait! There are so many paths to follow and record sets to look at. And all those genealogy books, web sites, research articles can be just a bit overwhelming. How can you focus your research and maximize your time spent? What about all those distractions (also known as "bright shiny objects," or BSOs)?

The November 15 Genealogy Plus program is coming to your rescue! Martha Grenzeback, Genealogy and Local History Librarian at the Omaha Public Library, will be speaking on "Conquering Genealogical Distractibility Syndrome."

When asked what she feels the biggest challenge facing researchers today Martha replied, "… staying focused and not being overwhelmed by the masses of information now available online. This digital overload makes it harder for new researchers in particular to know where to start, and causes them to become discouraged easily if the information they need is NOT available online and will require more effort."

Martha's interest in family history began in her childhood when she saw the family bible which was published in 1830. It included names and dates of the Grenzebacks dating back to the early 19th century. She was especially fascinated to see how in a period of just three months in 1847 her great-grandfather was born, two half-brothers died, and both his maternal grandparents died. And his mother's father died on the very day of Martha's great-grandfather's birth.

When she was slightly older and started researching the family through other sources it was a revelation to discover that all those people listed in that bible were actually real people-- and she was hooked on exploring her family history.

Please join us for this program to view it at the Ames Public Library or via Zoom.
(Martha will be presenting virtually from Omaha.)

Martha Grenzeback, November 15 Genealogy Plus Speaker

Programming Update Note

It's time to take a break before the holidays and talk about, what else?--- genealogy! This will be a virtual session via Zoom scheduled for **Thursday, November 2 at 7 PM**. The link will be on the events calendar of the Ames Public Library (amespubliclibrary.org) about 24 hours before the event.

Bring your questions, suggestions, and any genealogy-related topic you would like to talk about.

What types of records do you find the most challenging?

What do you wish you had known when you first started researching your ancestry?

Do you have suggestions for researching genealogy on a budget?

Do you use any social media sites for ancestral research?

Please join the discussion!

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Thursday November 2, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Via Zoom-Link on Ames Public Library calendar
Come discuss and share your genealogy challenges, surprises, and discoveries. What resources do you use or find helpful? What do you find most challenging?

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday November 13, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 PM
In November, let's talk books! We like as many of you as are willing to bring your favorite genealogy-related book(s) to give a three to five minute "report" on it. Let everyone know what made the book notable or helpful for you. How did you find out about it? Who is the author? Where can other people find the book?

These books can be of any type: long, short, fiction, non-fiction. It doesn't even have to be a published book. If it's something you've created or compiled, come tell us about it! The book club reports should simply have to do with genealogy, family history, or history in general. They're all fair (and fun) to share. Now ... get to reading!

Presenter: Mary J Lohr

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday November 15, 2023
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom 10:00 AM – Noon

Conquering Genealogical Distractibility Disorder—How do you keep your family history research focused and organized? Does your research feel like a pinball game? Are you constantly distracted, chasing those bright shiny objects but never really accomplishing much? Discover some ways to establish a solid research plan, keep track of where you have been and where you are going, and bring order to your paper and digital files.

Presenter: Martha Grenzeback

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

October 31 – Halloween
November 2023 – National Aviation History Month
November 2023 – National Family Caregivers Month
November 2023 – Native American Heritage Month
November 5 – New York City Marathon
November 4-5 – DAYLIGHT SAVINT TIME ENDS
November 7 – Election Day
November 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
November 10-11 – Veterans Day
November 13 – Barack Obama Day (ALA)
November 13 – Veterans' Day/Armistice Day (RI)
November 19 – George Rogers Clark Day (OH)
November 23 – Thanksgiving Day
November 24 – State Holiday (GA)
November 24 – Presidents' Day (NM)
November 24 – Lincoln's Birthday (IN)
November 24 – Black Friday
November 24 – American Indian Heritage Day
November 24 – Native American Heritage Day
November 27 – Cyber Monday
November 28 – Giving Tuesday
November 29 – Nellie Tayloe Ross's Birthday (WY)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Editor's Column

As was said previously in this newsletter, Genealogy 101 & 102. Hope some people got some good information form these sessions. Please read the newsletter to find out about more genealogy sessions in the near feature.

As you noticed, November is the Marines' birthday month. Their logo/emblem is in one place (page 3), "Facts" article in another (page 5) and a humorous piece is on page 8!!! Thank you to all of the Veterans.

As far as saying thank you, remember that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks to people around you that have helped you and also to anyone else who deserves thanks.

Dick

Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes October 9, 2023

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:35 p.m. with 9 people participating via Zoom and
14 people attended in person.

Minutes of the September 11, 2023 society meeting were approved as printed in the SCGS Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the September 2023 treasurer's report. The treasurer's report matches the bank
report. The report will be filed for audit.

Malvina Lutz, Librarian, reported that through her online research, she has found two more books for consideration next May to the Ames Public Library, bringing the total number of genealogy book materials to five.

Nancy reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Story County genealogy society programs. Details of these meetings can be found on the StoryGenes.com website, under the "Events Page". https://storygenes.com/eventListings

- **Wednesday, October 18**, Genealogy 102 (Genealogy Plus!), 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Wednesday, October 25**, Genealogy Help Session (Genealogy Help Session), 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Thursday, October 26**, Genealogy 102 (Genealogy Plus!), 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Virtual class held via Zoom
- **Thursday, November 2**, Genealogy Sharing Session (Genealogy Help Session), 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm via Zoom
- **Monday, November 13**, Annual Meeting (SCGS Meeting) and election of officers, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

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Get Another Hour of Sleep

In autumn the daylight-saving ends and the clock returns from summer time to standard time, also known as the winter time. The clock is turned back by an hour which allows to take advantage of daylight in the morning better.

In the USA, the time change has been applied since 1918. Many countries around the world change the time from summer to winter. In the case of the United States, the one-hour shift takes place at 2 a.m. of local time. In the spring, the clock is moved from 01:59 a.m. to 03:00 a.m. DST. **In autumn, the clock is moved from 01:59 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. DST**. Since 2007, the end of the summer time takes place on the first Sunday in November, and the return to the summer time (by moving the clock forward) takes place on the second Sunday in March.

Information from https://www.calendar-12.com/

United States Marines Facts

- The Marine Corps was founded on November 10, 1775, when the Continental Congress ordered that two battalions of Marines be raised for service as landing forces with the fleet.
- Marines have participated in all wars of the United States, being in most instances first, or among the first, to fight.
- The Marines' first land battle on foreign soil was in Libya.
- Male Marine recruits attend boot camp in one of two locations, depending on which side of the Mississippi they're from.

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Nancy then introduced tonight's guest speaker, Theresa McCormick Liewer. Theresa explained how n**aturalization and immigration records** can be used for genealogical research. Your best "free" reference is the FamilySearch.org Research Wiki. Go to Home Page > Search > Research Wiki. There you will find your search topics.

- United States Naturalization and Citizenship
- Naturalizations Terms and Acronyms
- Naturalization (state name)
- United States Immigration and Emigration
- United States Immigration Online Records
- US Immigration Passenger Arrival Lists (list of major ports)
- United States Passports

Other resources are Federal Court Records, Ancestry and their Federal Records, Natural Archives websites, County
Courthouses after 1906.
The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November each year. Traditionally it is a time to give thanks for all the sacrifice and hard work done for the harvest. In modern times people take time off work (4-day weekend starting Thursday) and spend time with family and friends over a large feast held on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving in the early days of the United States was celebrated on a variety of dates and eventually Abraham Lincoln in 1863 with help from Sarah Josepha Hale decided Thanksgiving should be on the final Thursday in November. Later, Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the day into law [2] making the day officially celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

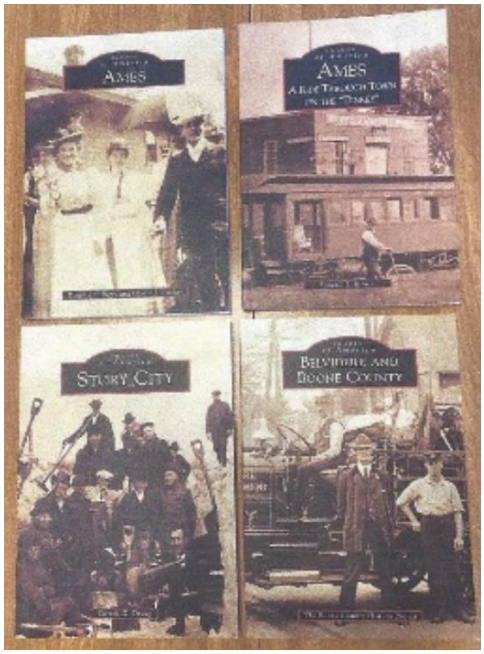
Little Books with Lots of History

Submitted by Malvina Lutz

Along with hoping to find an ancestors' vital records, mentioned in an old newspaper, or an obituary…what about reading a newer published book on the history of the town they lived in. You may find a collection of old photos of the town, businesses, schools, and if real lucky, a mention of your ancestor.

'Images of America' books are published by Arcadia Publishing. You have probably seen the brown-toned paperback books for sale in bookstores, or even the neighborhood Walgreens. The books can also be found on amazon.com or check out the full catalog of books at www.arcadiapublishing.com. Not every town in America has a short history book written, but many do.

I collect these books of interest for all the states I have lived in, places visited on vacations, or about an area where my ancestors lived. My collection includes books about Ames, Boone, Story City, and my hometown of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. The books are priced at $21.99 to $24.99 when purchased new. Each book averages 125 pages. Bargain prices may be found at second-hand book stores. So, check out the nearest bookstores or websites to see if a book has been written on the town of your genealogy research area.



Little Bit of Ames History

This party was held on Halloween in Ames. Details are below as to where it was held, etc. The sign from our collection advertises Skateland's Halloween party. Skateland was located on the same site as 20th Century Bowling, on S. Duff, around the area where Texas Roadhouse, AutoZone, and Aldi are today. It was in operation from 1949 to 1968. Gift of K. McPartland, 2010.165.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY

This week in Ames' history: The Lincoln Highway was dedicated and a local celebration was held at the high school auditorium in Ames on October 31, 1913.

The highway was the first transcontinental automobile route, connecting New York City and San Francisco. The route across the Midwest followed major railway lines, including through Ames. In Ames, the highway ran through town, past Iowa State College, north on what is now Sheldon Avenue, and west on what is now Ontario Street. In 1929, the route was moved to the straighter Lincoln Way we know today.

This photo from around 1918 shows the muddy road conditions that plagued the highway in its early years. Photo courtesy of Iowa Department of Transportation.

Great-Grandfather in the Civil War

My (paternal) Great-grandfather (Joseph Nathaniel Cooper) was born in Tennessee in 1842. The Census tracked him across the United States as a child and the next place he appeared in the Census was as 8 years old in Kentucky. Then, when he was 14 years old, he appeared in the Iowa Census. From that point, he remained in Iowa until 1862 when he enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War as a Private in Company A, 19th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry.

According to the Prisoner of War records from his Company, he was injured and captured along with 454 prisoners at the battle of Sterling Plantation, which was slightly north of New Orleans in the southeast corner of Louisiana. From there, the prisoners were marched to Alexandria, Natchitoches, Mansfield and Shreveport, Louisiana. From Shreveport they turned west and headed to Camp Ford prison camp near Tyler, Texas. (All together this was about 400 miles and they arrived on October 23, 1863). He was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa on 10 July 1865.

This information was taken from a copy of the original Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions application by Joseph Cooper 15 April 1898. He mustered out of the Union Army 10 July 1865 at Mobile, Alabama. **Pension Office claim information -** Mabel Cooper is listed as Joseph's wife and Arrilla Brown is listed as his daughter who "rendered service" to Joseph in the months preceding his death on March 29-1921. This date and information were also shown as "death date" in the "Statement of Attending Physicians" form for reimbursement and information to the Pension Office dated 30 April 1921. Death date is shown as 29 March 1921. He died of curcinoma of the mouth, face and throat. Joseph had mouth and throat problems throughout his entire civilian career and it all stemmed from being injured in the Civil War.

Submitted by Dick Cooper

Remember Our Veterans

Veterans Day will be celebrated on Friday, November 10, 2023 but state and federal buildings will be close business to honor the holiday, which falls on Saturday, November 11th.

Veterans Day started as Armistice Day, which marked the end of The Great War (World War 1) in 1918. Allied nations and Germany agreed to lay down their arms at 11 a.m. on November 11th. President Woodrow Wilson designated November 11th as the first commemoration of the holiday, featuring parades, public gatherings and other celebrations. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution that made Armistice Day an annual holiday.

Through the lobbying efforts of Alvin J King, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. President Dwight D Eisenhower signed legislation officially changing the name to Veterans Day.

A portion of this information was taken from an article that originally appeared in *The Columbus Dispatch: When is Veterans Day 2023?A look back at the history of honoring those who served*

Thank You To All Veterans

It's Birthday Party Time

On October 15th, 2023 at the "Red" Buchman Hall which is located immediately behind the Gilbert Library, there was a great party for a great lady – Nancy Ringenberg Long, President of the Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS). The picture below shows Dick Cooper, Nancy and Marti Steelman. Other attendees from SCGS were Lyle Hammes, Rich and Deb Engelhardt, Malvina Lutz and Mary Lohr. Of course, there were many relatives and friends present to wish Nancy a Happy Birthday. Her husband said that she was actually surprised, which is the way he wanted it to be.

I guess that we can now officially call you an octogenarian!!!!!!

FARM KID WRITES HOME AFTER JOINING THE MARINES. THIS IS PRICELESS.

Dear Ma and Pa:

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting used to it, so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route marches," which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake . I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6⊠ and 130 pounds and he's 6'8⊠ and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,

Alice

Old Occupations in Genealogy #3 - SCGS Word Search #48

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